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of the unstable situation of their governments and the fear of Bolshevism. If the latter was removed, the general distribution of supplies undertaken, Gen. Bliss thought that the "common sense of the people" in each case would soon force a material reduction in military establishments.

Bolshevism in Russia.
Of Bolshevism in the abstract, Gen. Bliss had no criticism to make. It is a "principle," he said, which "right or wrong," will have to be faced, but Bolshevism as exemplified by the present regime in Russia, he declared, placed that country at war with the world, which necessarily must fight back.

The policy of spending millions in the effort to make the rest of the world the "prey" of Russia is the special feature of the Lenin-Trotsky idea which brings those leaders in conflict with the belief that Gen. Bliss said, as their effort is to undermine the institutions in the other nations.

"Personally," Gen. Bliss added, "I believe that if it were possible to distribute the supplies in Russia as to put clothes on the backs of the people, to fill their bellies and warm their homes, Bolshevism would disappear in a month."

Continuation Was Needed.
Reviewing the developments which led finally to the organization of the supreme war council, with Gen. Bliss as Generalissimo, Gen. Bliss expressed the belief that this action had been taken in 1914, the war would have been materially shortened, that the Russian revolution would never have occurred, the foodstuffs would not have been undertaken and the principal military disasters to the allies averted.

Gen. Bliss disclosed that, because proper authority was at first withheld from Marshal Foch, the latter had called a council at Beauvais, April 3, 1918, and offered to resign. His position, Gen. Bliss said, was simply another element of discord. He could "co-ordinate" the efforts of the various group leaders under the authority previously given him, but no orders he issued were held to be binding on the other commanders. Instead of accepting the resignation, the council voted to give Foch full authority.

"They Won War; We Won War."
"Foch, Clemenceau and Lloyd George won the war for the allies," Gen. Bliss declared. "They were really thunderbolts of war, ready to throw any and everything over in the determination to defeat the common enemy. Nothing was permitted by them to interfere in the slightest degree with this great object."

He deliberately left any reference to the American effort out of that statement, he added. "The United States was absolutely necessary to overturn the balance which had been established in the war. It would have been impossible for the allies, regardless of their efforts, to overturn the balance without American aid. So they won the war and we won the war."

POLITICIAN KILLS GALLATIN EDITOR OVER LIBEL SUIT

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him, nor had any intention of shooting. I could have shot Ball as he came from the back room of their office, but I didn't mean to shoot anyone."

Tarwater, who is about 50 years old, is married, and has two grown children, a son and a daughter. In addition to being City Clerk, he is president of the Gallatin Hotel and Phone Co. and has lived in this city for 35 years. Both Tarwater and Johnston were members of the Methodist church in Gallatin.

The records of St. Joseph Hospital, Insane No. 2 in St. Joseph show that Tarwater has twice been a patient in that institution. He was admitted the first time Feb. 21, 1898, and was discharged as recovered after 28 days in the hospital.

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Maeterlinck Arrives in U. S. to Lecture on the Immortality of the Soul

Belgian Poet Not Decided on Attitude Towards Sir Oliver Lodge's Spiritualism.

By Leased Wire From the New York Bureau of the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Maurice Maeterlinck, famous Belgian author, arrived here yesterday on the steamship France to tell us that the soul is immortal and belongs to us always. There are other purposes in his visit.

For one, he is anxious to learn whether "The Blue Bird" is affected by operatic music or whether the opera is affected by his book. He will know by midnight Saturday, when it will have been presented at the Metropolitan Opera House.

Then, too, he wants to take a few peeps at America and Americans, and give Mrs. Lizette Maeterlinck, his wife, the sightseeing tour he promised. She is a blond young woman, about half his stalwart size, about a third of his age.

Maeterlinck is a tall, broad-shouldered, stern-faced man. He looks more like a business man than a poet. He might have made a handsome cleric had he entered the priesthood his parents had destined for him. He is little short of 6 feet in height. His broad shoulders are those of the athlete. He is round-faced, of ruddy outdoor hue, and his eyes are gray-blue. His hair is gray and struggles from under his brown fedora to his forehead, broad and high. He is 57 years old. The long lashes frame eyes that never take a half glance, but measure out a full, slow stare at the interviewer. Sometimes they are distant, almost scared. Sometimes they twinkle in unaltered, the full lips that curve cordially upward.

Features "Left in Rough."
His jaw would have been torn square had not a slight layer of fat rounded it. Occasionally, when the mouth deepens almost into furrows, the features, Maeterlinck said, were "left rather in the rough." But there is nothing rough in his expression. He gestures only slightly. His tone is soft and slow, at times almost languid. His poor English gives hesitancy to his voice. This may offend the poet, for, with a touch of vanity, when reporters had recourse to an interpreter, Maeterlinck interrupted a bit impatiently. "Ah, but I speak English."

That is Maurice Polydore Marie Bernard Maeterlinck.

As for the young woman that clung to his arm, Lizette, she is a petite person, blond-haired, dressed in pink-checked. She is childlike in her interested expression of her eyes. Her husband is slow moving. She is swift of movement. She is the one that transacts business with customs inspectors and the baggage smashers. Maeterlinck himself, for that matter, is bored with these details. She looks many years his junior that she is. And she is the girl for whom George Leblanc, famed actress, who, for more than a decade greatly influenced Maeterlinck, her husband, "re-created" the poet.

George Leblanc had seen that another woman had come to mean more to him.

At first the perfunctory queries were put to Maeterlinck. For instance, the visitor's impressions of the skyline that he saw for the first time. "The clouds, the—the fog (he struggled to find the word)—the fog. I could see very little!" But he knew he was expected to say the skyline was magnificent, and was tactful enough to say it.

Visit of Three Months.
His visit, he added, would be for three months. He is to lecture throughout the country on the Belgium did in the war and on his theories of the immortality of the soul. "In brief, what are those theories?" he was asked. His shoulders shrugged at the question. "Ah, but it is a question—it cannot be answered quickly. It will be in my lectures. It will take time to explain." But a moment later he said: "Then you probably believe in a spiritualism of Sir Oliver Lodge?" It was suggested to the poet.

Quickly he protested. "No, I believe in spiritualism. Do not."

DISCORD THROWS SYMPHONY FIDDLER INTO BANKRUPTCY
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ter, but there was nothing the matter with his nerve.

"I told him 'no,' that I would not guarantee anything any more. I wouldn't guarantee that he would be alive the next day, I told him."

"I had mine. I'm cured. That's all our connections stopped there."

Items in Indebtedness.
The largest single item of indebtedness listed is \$1150 due to Frieda Hempel, concert soprano, on a contract. He also lists \$400 due to Jules Delbert, manager of Aeolian Hall, New York, on a contract to bring Louis Gravenius, a baritone, to St. Louis, and \$800 due to Delbert on a contract for a concert by Clara Whitehill, a basso.

Bergmann had contracted for the Odéon here for the evenings of Dec. 9 and 13 and Jan. 6 and 20. He owes James Wilson, manager of the Odéon, \$1000 on that contract, and also owes Wilson \$532 for previous use of the auditorium, the petition states.

The petition states that \$500 is due on contract to Eddy Brown, who was one of the artists announced for Bergmann's series at the Odéon.



GEORGETTE LIBLANC, MAETERLINCK



MAURICE, MAETERLINCK

say that I am not a spiritualist. I have not yet decided in my mind. I am still of an open mind on that subject. I will study it some more, and will some time decide. But now I have not yet decided."

Of the war he said: "If we could see into the spiritual world and see what is happening there, perhaps we might see that it is the same with the moral force that seems lost on the field of battle. Those who died for us left their lives for us, not in a metaphorical sense, but in a real, direct way. The virtue that was theirs was passed on to us. And so their view was not lost to the world."

"Death is powerless against life. What it takes from those who die enters into those who are left. The lamps grow less, but the flames grow more intense and higher."

It was during the war, he said, that he made his first speech. The Belgian Government asked him to make war speeches. He thus learned the stage presence that he expects to be of great value to him on his platform experiences here.

Of his trip on the ocean, he said: "It is nothing to come from Europe. I thought it was difficult. It was just a promenade. I could do it every day."

Representatives of the Belgian Legation met him at the pier. He spent the evening at the home of A. Anderson, president of the American Association of Artists in Paris, of 80 West Portlith street.

He is to attend Friday evening the "Blue Bird Ball," to be given at the Waldorf-Astoria. Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt Jr. is directing rehearsals for presentation at this event of a "Blue Bird Ballet."

A fog that lay over the lower bay prevented the "Blue Bird" airplane going down to meet the France and greet Maeterlinck.

INQUIRY LINED INTO SIMS' CHARGES ON NAVAL DECORATION

Admiral Refuses to Accept Award Because Daniels Overruled His Recommendations.

By the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—A congressional investigation, it was indicated today, might result from the controversy between Admiral Sims and Secretary Daniels over the awards of Distinguished Service Medals to the navy.

The report of the awards of the decorations has been transmitted to the senate Naval Committee by Secretary Daniels at the request of Chairman Page, Representative of Massachusetts, member of the House Naval Committee, said he would ask the House to call for a similar report.

The issue, which had been considered in inner naval circles, came out into the open with the publication of a letter written by Admiral Sims to Secretary Daniels, in which he declined to accept, his distinguished service medals, unless the list of awards were revised to include those recommended by him to receive the second highest naval decoration.

In his letter, Admiral Sims said that of the 19 officers recommended by him for the Distinguished Service Medal only six received it. He declared that a commanding officer present was more qualified to judge the relative merits of officers entitled to reward and that a board of awards system could not be fair and that officers in important administrative posts on shore occupied relatively responsible positions than those serving at sea.

Which Most Important.
Secretary Daniels in his report to the committee said the entire controversy revolved around the question of which class of service, shore or sea—was the more important. He expressed the opinion that only shore duty of the highest importance should be recognized equally with positions of grave danger in the active war zone. He declared that under the law and by authority of the President it was the duty of the Navy's duty to make the final decision.

In response to Admiral Sims' statement that the commanding officers of ships sunk by enemy submarines should not receive decorations, Secretary Daniels said that in his opinion the Distinguished Service Medal should be awarded to those officers in command of ships of the navy which were sunk by submarine attack, and whose conduct was meritorious.

Coming as the climax of the charges that Secretary Daniels had re-arranged the whole list of decorations, raising some of the higher distinction than recommended and "blue penciling" others, publication of Admiral Sims' action created a new sensation in the Navy Department.

The whole thing has been brought to a head by the action of Admiral Sims, who writing an official communication to Secretary Daniels, declared that he was resigning from the Navy. He has set out that officers for whom he recommended the Distinguished Service Medal—highest of all naval decorations except the Congressional Medal of Honor—received by the Secretary's revision a decoration of lesser value, and that other officers whose duties and services Admiral Sims considered of lower value received by the revision, the more valued decoration.

Sims Sends Out Letter.
At the same time, it develops, Admiral Sims sent frank copies of his letter to many naval officers in Washington. His action became known first through them, and later Daniels gave out the letter without comment. Earlier in the day, however, Daniels had announced that he had prepared the report asked for by Senator Page.

Admiral Sims, in his letter, refuses the decoration under the condition he outlines and asks for an opportunity to explain the reasons for his original recommendations. The Admiral does not ask that the highest award be taken from any officer upon whom it has been conferred, but for a revision upward of some of the lesser decorations.

Sims, long known as the stormy petrel of the navy, since his sensational "last drop of blood" speech at Guild Hall at London, when he drew the attention of the Foreign Office of Berlin, London and Washington, has figured in navy sensations before and has many warm supporters among the officers.

Secretary Daniels' report to Chairman Page outlines his general policy in awarding medals and distinctions to naval officers and enlisted men. "It is realized," said the Naval Secretary, in concluding his report, "that where there have been so many occasions of performance of duty, and where the number of officers and men in the navy is so great, there may easily be differences of opinion in regard to the comparative merits of any particular cases. But under the law and acting by authority of the President, it is the Secretary of the Navy's duty to make the final decisions in such cases. It is believed that the motives and policies as above outlined have been entirely in keeping with the letter and spirit of the law which established these medals and decorations for the navy. Later reports and additional information will be given due consideration in future action, with regard to additional decorations, for there is no limit of time prescribed when those honors may be awarded. In view of delayed re-

ports and lack of data other awards will be made, but in every case the principles above set forth will guide executive action."

The Secretary compiled his report Dec. 18, before the Sims letter reached him.

Rear Admiral Sims' letter referred particularly to Daniels' action in changing recommendations, which had been made for decorations to be conferred on officers who were under the Admiral's immediate command during the war.

Declaring that he felt it his duty to invite Secretary Daniels' attention to "certain features" of the list of awards to naval officers, Rear Admiral Sims' letter said:

"This becomes my duty because this list contains a number of instances of injustices to distinguished officers, the effect of which upon the morale of the service cannot fail to be very detrimental."

The Injustice Lies Not in the Number of Awards Made But in the Fact that the awards as issued to officers in a number of instances are not in accordance with the relative merit of service performed by them as indicated by my recommendations.

Officers who were recommended for the highest awards appear on the list having been accorded lower awards and vice versa.

Rear Admiral Sims asserted that of 19 officers under his personal command whom he recommended for the distinguished service medal, only six were accorded that honor, the remainder being awarded navy crosses. He cited the cases of nine Rear Admirals under his command abroad, all recommended for the Distinguished Service Medal, of whom but four received that honor.

Secretary Daniels' action in re-warding with decorations officers who commanded vessels sunk by enemy submarines was particularly criticized by Admiral Sims.

"The commanding officer of a vessel that is sunk by a submarine should not receive the same reward as which sinks a submarine," his letter said. "Yet it is precisely this which has been done in a number of instances."

Admiral Sims further charged that his specific recommendations of lists of awards to men formerly under his command be referred to him before final action was not complied with, resulting in many injustices.

No Promotion Given to Ocean Flight Heroes.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The name of Lieutenant-Commander Albert C. Read, commander of the NC-1, first airplane to fly across the Atlantic, appears on the list of naval officers to whom has been awarded the Distinguished Service Medal.

The names of Commander John H. Towers, "Admiral" of the Navy, and Lieutenant-Commander Patrick N. Bellinger, pilot of the NC-1, which was abandoned and lost near the Azores, are on the list of officers receiving the Navy Cross.

Up to date this is the only recognition extended to the commanders of the three NC planes. Several bills have been introduced providing for the promotion of these officers and recognition for members of the crews of the NC planes, but on account of opposition in the House the Naval Committee did not report them. Towers, Bellinger and the other officers who were on the NC planes started on their historic flight.

WALL STREET GIVES \$10,000,000 BONUSES

Financial District Gifts Run From 10 to 135 Per Cent of Year's Salaries.

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Wall Street has had one of the most prosperous years in its history, and the banks have had a highly profitable season. It is said that the Christmas gifts, and end-of-the-year rewards will exceed the ordinary annual payroll by more than \$10,000,000. Christmas bonuses run from 10 per cent to 135 per cent of annual salaries.

The Stock Exchange gave 600 employees a bonus of 10 per cent. J. P. Morgan & Co. are credited with having given 100 per cent to their employees, and Dominick & Dominick also are said to have given 100 per cent. De Coppel & Doremus, one of the biggest odd lot houses in the city, gave their employees 135 per cent of their annual salaries.

Knauth, Nached & Kuhne, who have brought out some of the largest flotations of the year, are credited with having given one of the largest in the street, but the firm has declined to state the figures for publication. Hornblower & Weeks, who have been unusually successful in underwriting operations, have given to their employees 40 per cent of their annual salaries.

James W. Ball & Co. gave their employees 25 per cent; R. M. Grant & Co. 15 per cent; Ames, Emmerich & Co. 40 per cent; E. W. Warner & Co. \$300,000 as a Christmas bonus.

Banks' Profits Large.
Banking has been just as profitable as Wall Street trading commissions. In fact, the high interest rates and the great demands for credit have caused the New York institutions to turn a greater surplus into their coffers than ever before in the history of metropolitan banking. According to compilation made by the Financial Age, the Chase National Bank leads, with profits of \$7,510,000 for the year. The Commerce is second, with \$7,369,000; the First National third, with \$7,175,000; the National City Bank fourth, with \$5,396,000, and the National Park Bank fifth, with \$4,771,000. Then come the Mechanics and Metals, with \$2,355,000; the Liberty, with \$1,832,000; the Irving, \$1,761,000, and the American Exchange National, \$1,239,000. The National Park Bank earned 95 per cent on its capital during the year, the Standard 83 per cent, the Hanover 75 per cent, the Harriman 43 per cent, and the Gotham 43 per cent. This explains why all the banks are so liberal with their employees.

DELIVERY OF BASKET DINNERS UNDER WAY

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usually the same articles as in former years, including a peck of potatoes, bread, soup, tomatoes, chicken, onions, apples, candy, beans, peaches, sugar, rice and coffee. Each basket will be made up according to the number in the family for which it is intended, and will contain enough provisions for a bountiful Christmas dinner, and in most cases for an additional meal.

The original estimate of baskets to be distributed this year was 120,000, but the Executive Committee decided to increase the number to 140,000. Tomorrow morning 10,000 children will be the guests at this big



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community festival which has been provided for them every Christmas for 20 years, with the exception of last year, when the influenza forced its temporary abandonment.

Coliseum tickets are being distributed today at four depots in various parts of the city. The doors of the Coliseum will be opened at 2 a. m. and closed at 10:30 a. m. sharp. The entertainment, a pantomime pageant entitled "Mother Goose in Santa Claus Land," is to be presented by nearly 800 children from the public playgrounds, will start at 10:30 and will last about an hour.

Toy for Each Child.
Nearly 40,000 toys have been provided for the children, and each child will receive his or her gift as he enters the building, and will then be sent to a seat in the balcony to witness the entertainment.

The only feature omitted from the Christmas Festival program, as compared with previous years, is the homeless men's dinner. At the first meeting of the Executive Committee this year it was found that there is very little demand for such an event this Christmas, and it was decided that the dinner would be omitted.

The Christmas Festival Fund, which is raised mainly through the circulation of thousands of contributions lists in offices and business establishments in the city, is still about \$2600 short of the \$10,000 needed. So far the lists have brought in about \$7300. However, hundreds of the lists are still out, and it is hoped that the full \$10,000 will be obtained.

PAYS \$25 FINE ON GAMBLING CHARGE AND RECOVERS \$553

Man Arrested in County Raid Nov. 11. Receives Confiscated Money When He Pleads Guilty.

Hugh McNulty, of 523 Chestnut street, and Ben Decker, 7628 Pennsylvania avenue, pleaded guilty yesterday afternoon in a Justice of the Peace Court in St. Louis County, to a charge of throwing dice. McNulty was fined \$25 and costs, while Decker was permitted to go on payment of costs.

The charges were the outgrowth of a raid on Nov. 11, by Sheriff Bopp at a store at 8311 South Broadway. At that time charges of operating gambling devices were entered against the two men. In the raid \$553 was confiscated. Under the charge of a felony this money would have reverted in the event guilt was proved, to the State. The dice throwing charge is a misdemeanor only, which makes a fine optional with the trial judge. Following the payment of his fine, McNulty went to the Sheriff's office and recovered the \$553.

Indiana Bank Robbed of \$15,000.

LA PORTE, Ind., Dec. 24.—Robbers broke into the Bank of Westville, at Westville, Ind., early today, escaping with Liberty Bonds and War Stamps valued at \$15,000.

ALLIES WILL NOT MAKE PEACE WITH BOLSHIEVSKI

Clemenceau Says Decision Was Reached at London—Predicts Fiume Settlement.

By the Associated Press.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—The Government was given a vote of confidence in the Chamber yesterday.

M. Clemenceau told the Chamber that President Wilson and Great Britain had offered military aid. Certain points in the peace treaty had been questioned but there were no serious objections to the military agreements.

The Premier added that the latest indications were that the Fiume situation would be solved "and then only can we breathe freely."

M. Clemenceau said the Cabinet, the end of the remaining weeks of its tenure of office, would give its resignation to the President, and added: "It will not be an exit by one door, to enter by another."

Asked by Marcel Cachin, Socialist, if he ought not to give an unequivocal explanation of the treaty and the Anglo-American military pacts, M. Clemenceau said: "I did not ask for these military guarantees. They were offered by England and President Wilson. I do not believe they will be questioned. Although certain points of the treaty have been discussed, there is no serious objection to the guarantee."

During the discussion on the London conference, ex-Premier Barthou questioned M. Clemenceau on Russia, and the Premier said Russia had been discussed previously, but added: "I will tell you the two principal decisions we have taken. Not only will we not make peace, but we won't compromise with the Government of the Soviets. We have decided that we will be allies of all peoples attacked by Bolshevism."

M. Clemenceau added that the allies would maintain a barred wire around Russia, notably by aiding the Poles, Rumanians and others along the frontiers.

Resuming his discussion of the London conference, M. Clemenceau said: "M. Lloyd George told me, 'If we reach an understanding there will be no more war in Europe.' I replied: 'Whatever happens, you can count not only on me, who am temporary, but upon France.'"

Regarding the situation in the Adriatic, the Premier said: "The Fiume question has been agonizing. Italy promised Fiume to the Jugoslavs, but went back on her promise. France, England and the United States have sought a solution, and the latest indications are that it will finally be reached."

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SACCHARIN TRIAL TO BE RESUMED MONDAY MORNING

Case Adjourned for Holidays Following Death of Attorney's Brother — Jurors Cautioned.

DEFENSE HAS MORE TESTIMONY TO OFFER

Witnesses Describe Product as Condiment — Government to Offer More Testimony.

The trial of the Monsanto Chemical Co. on a charge of selling saccharin under false labels, in violation of the pure food and drug law, was adjourned by United States District Judge Farris yesterday afternoon until next Monday, when the defense will endeavor to conclude its case.

Testimony was halted suddenly at 4:30 p. m. yesterday when Theodore Rasseur, chief counsel for the defense, received word of the death of his brother, Bruno Rasseur.

The adjournment, the Court explained, was taken to enable all persons in the proceedings to spend Christmas at home. In releasing the jurors Judge Farris cautioned them to keep their minds open with reference to the questions before them until the attorneys on each side had concluded arguments.

Another Death Affects Case.

Through a coincidence, Attorney Rasseur was the second lawyer in the case to be affected by the death of a relative in the course of yesterday's proceedings. During the morning session Special Assistant Attorney-General C. F. Horrigan of Washington, D. C., who was aiding Charles P. Williams, chief government counsel, received word of the death of his wife's sister in the East and was allowed to withdraw from the case. Horrigan departed for Washington at noon yesterday.

The defense yesterday continued its attempt to refute the testimony of Dr. Anton Carlson, professor of physiology at Chicago University, in an experiment with saccharin, was abnormal. This man, as has been told, swallowed live and a tube inserted into his stomach through the abdominal wall. The defense maintains the live would have so injured the lining of the mouth and stomach as to render the subject unfit for experimental purposes.

Dr. E. L. Barnhouse, Missouri State Pure Food Commissioner, was withdrawn from the stand when the Court sustained an objection made by the prosecution to the witness' lack of personal knowledge of the effect of saccharin.

More Men Busy. These camera men had fought grimly against the moving crowd all the way up the street. They would have been in the line of march if they had not been making stiff opposition, and would grind away in the front of the advance until the face of the General himself showed large in the ranger-finder, then they would usually find their pieces and fall back to the next line; set up and again go into action, only to be again driven back.

The Governor called attention to the design of the medal, bearing on one side the great seal of the State of Missouri and on the other the inscription, "Presented by His Native State for Service." "What greater ambition can mortal man have than to be of service?" the Governor asked, in presenting the medal.

When the General faced about on the porch of his old home, his face was radiant. Extending both arms in a gesture of hospitality, he said: "Welcome to my residence. I'm mighty glad to be back among the people of my own home town."

Once in the house he ran up the stairs like a boy, despite his 59 years. He went into room after room, ran his hand over the banisters down which he used to slide, and looked with glancing eyes at all the corners, walls and windows he had known as a boy.

In speaking of crowds, it should be remembered that crowds from the Laclede viewpoint are meant here. I doubt if there were a thousand persons in the town altogether, homefolks and visitors, but there were enough of them to make a big showing on Laclede's streets.

People Polite and Interested. There was not a loud shout throughout. Homefolks do not cheer you like strangers do. They were polite and deeply interested and persistent. While the luncheon was being eaten in the old home, a hundred or two stood about the frozen grass like people do at a funeral.

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Pershing Spends Day in His Old Home Town; His Friends Agree He Has Done Right Well

Laclede, Mo., Honors Its Distinguished Soldier, and He Has a Big Turkey Dinner at Home of His Boyhood.

By CLAIR KENAMORE, Staff Correspondent of the Post-Dispatch.

LACLEDE, Mo., Dec. 24.—When the train to which Gen. Pershing was attached reached here, the train from the other direction with Gov. Gardner and the State's Reception Committee had not arrived. Mayor Ed Allen, who had got on at Brookfield, said the best thing to do was for the General to wait in his car half an hour, until the Governor arrived, and for the procession then to move in proper order to the old Pershing home, according to program.

Gen. Pershing thought that would be a useless waste of time. Why not go on to the old home at once. "All right, John; if you want to, but it will spoil the program," said the Mayor.

The General stepped off his car and the first person he saw in the shouting crowd was his cousin, Mrs. Mattie Parker of Forquar. He kissed her enthusiastically, and knocked her hat off, picked it up and put it on her head, and knocked it off again. "Mattie, I'm glad to see you. How are you?" he kept saying laughing at his awkwardness.

Led to Old Home. The crowd cheered again as the General moved slowly toward the main street which led to the old Pershing home, two blocks away. The high sidewalk was filled with people, mostly from farms and near-by towns, while on the street the scattered groups drifted toward the General, slowly moving forward, shaking hands, laughing and greeting those he knew by name.

"Why, you old rascal," he shouted to Allen Warfield, an old negro who planted himself firmly in the street and let the crowd part him until the General shook his hand.

The procession looked like a laughing football game in which the ball was being slowly carried down the field. With the General was his nephew, Capt. Frank Pershing, 31, who had been a member of the 101st Cavalry, and a young man, a nephew of the General, who was a member of the 101st Cavalry.

Up past the Lomax bank corner, where Will Marvin, with a tin star and a piece of a broomstick was supposed to be traffic officer, he crowded west, milling slowly around the laughing General. Flags looting, suspiciously like those which were before yesterday flattered over Locust street in St. Louis were above the street, and when the old home was reached, all gay with flags and bunting, the slow-moving crowd crossed the frozen lawn, while the moving picture cameras took position in front, firing steadily.

Men Busy. These camera men had fought grimly against the moving crowd all the way up the street. They would have been in the line of march if they had not been making stiff opposition, and would grind away in the front of the advance until the face of the General himself showed large in the ranger-finder, then they would usually find their pieces and fall back to the next line; set up and again go into action, only to be again driven back.

The Governor called attention to the design of the medal, bearing on one side the great seal of the State of Missouri and on the other the inscription, "Presented by His Native State for Service." "What greater ambition can mortal man have than to be of service?" the Governor asked, in presenting the medal.

When the General faced about on the porch of his old home, his face was radiant. Extending both arms in a gesture of hospitality, he said: "Welcome to my residence. I'm mighty glad to be back among the people of my own home town."

Once in the house he ran up the stairs like a boy, despite his 59 years. He went into room after room, ran his hand over the banisters down which he used to slide, and looked with glancing eyes at all the corners, walls and windows he had known as a boy.

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Tribute Paid to Mother by Pershing on Receiving Medal

Special to the Post-Dispatch.

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Your excellency, your honor and ladies and gentlemen, friends of my boyhood and my youth. It was in the years among you that I learned of loyalty, of duty to country, as known by the forefathers. It was in the quiet of this village that I learned of duty to country and to God. Service was taught me by my parents, whose character was early impressed upon me and who led me early to follow the path of duty.

"Whatever service I was able to perform in co-operation with the youth of the country before and during the great war, I owe to the early training of my mother. Many of you knew her, and she was loved by all. In later years I have learned how much I owe to her. I feel that we often fail to appreciate our debt to the mothers of the country. In the late war we learned how much the support of women was necessary to sustain us and hold us to the higher ideals. "I am too much overcome with emotion to say all that is in my heart. I can think of nothing so calculated to cause me emotion as to accept in this old yard where I played as a boy this token from my State."

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Davidson County, who had driven over the intervening 50 miles in just two hours to have a look at Pershing. McCue is a prosperous farmer who believes in good roads and more silos. He has not seen J. J. Pershing since they took the competitive examination which Prof. Smith judged, and Pershing just edged McCue out.

"I'm glad he did," said the farmer. "I guess I am a good deal happier than if I had gone to West Point. I'm afraid I would rather look over a hundred head of white-faced cattle than a hundred soldiers, and I don't like soldiers, either. I told Pershing since I was today and he pretended to remember me. I don't know whether he did or not. Congressman Burroughs, he was elected as a Greenbacker, made the appointment. That was the fall of '81."

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HOMICIDE VERDICT IN DEATH OF DENTIST

Discharged Negro Soldier, Now a Bellboy, Held Responsible for Stabbing in Hotel.

At the inquest today over Paul H. Gattermeier, 27 years old, of Corder, Mo., a dental graduate of St. Louis University, a Coroner's jury returned a verdict of homicide, holding responsible Theodore Whetstone, 23 years old, a negro discharged soldier employed as bell boy at the Hotel Hotel, 1505 Market street, where Gattermeier was fatally stabbed in a fight in his room at 4 a. m. yesterday. He died at the city hospital yesterday afternoon.

Lee Maxey, 38, a negro, was ordered held as an accessory before the fact. He is a porter at the Congress Hotel at 508 Market street. The information on which the negroes were held was furnished last night by Carl J. South, 23 years old, of 2530 South Jefferson avenue, who voluntarily went to police headquarters and told of being the only witness to a fight between Gattermeier and the negro.

Wenige testified at the inquest that he and Maxey, 1604 South Grand avenue, a dental student, were in his room, the negro, who was a woman whose name he did not know, had been in Gattermeier's room, but the woman left about 1 a. m. and a little later Maxey also left. His room, which also adjoined Gattermeier's.

Wenige said the negro, Whetstone, made frequent visits to Gattermeier's room to bring water, and on other errands, and that each time, before leaving the room, the negro would take a drink out of a bottle of whiskey which Gattermeier had been entertaining his guests.

After this had been repeated a number of times, he said, Maxey and the woman had left. Gattermeier said to the negro: "Do you think I am Santa Claus?" Do you think I get that whiskey for nothing?"

The negro, according to Wenige, replied: "Ain't I welcome to it?" and Gattermeier said: "Not to all of it."

More words were exchanged. Wenige said that Gattermeier knocked the negro down. The negro, according to Wenige's account, regained his feet and clinched with Gattermeier and the two rolled on the floor.

Wenige said that while the fight was going on a second negro was in the room but took no part in the fight. He said he did not see a knife, but that he knew Gattermeier was seriously hurt, he left the hotel and went home as he feared publicity if he remained.

The negro who was described as also being in the room was found by the police to be Maxey. He was arrested and is also held for the Coroner. He denied knowledge of the stabbing and said he was going on an errand when he heard "a rumup" in the Model Hotel and went in. He said when he got to the door of Gattermeier's room "it was all over and he didn't go in."

Prisoner Denies Stabbing. A black who heard the noise of the fight gave an alarm and a clerk found Gattermeier unconscious on the floor with a stab wound in his chest. Gattermeier's room was on the third floor. A blood-stained coat, the ownership of which was not established, was found on a stair landing at the second floor level. It could have been thrown there from the door of Gattermeier's room.

A coat with a blood stain on the sleeve was found in Whetstone's room at the hotel. He said the blood got on the coat when he helped put Gattermeier on the bed after the fight. He denied he stabbed Gattermeier.

Counterfeit Silver Dollars in Use. United Railways conductors have been warned to watch for counterfeit dollars, the company, having been notified by Federal agents that spurious silver dollars are in circulation. The counterfeiters are described as dated 1879-80-81 and 82. They are about 100 grains lighter than legal dollars.

George W. Martin, E. M. Lomax, M. J. J. Jones, J. T. Hamilton, A. W. Mullins, Miss Lulu M. Feil.

Gen. Pershing grew reminiscent as his train drew near to Laclede. "The last time I was here, I did not stop. I was hurrying through on orders. It was early in the morning and the only person I saw whom I knew was Al Hall, that old negro I had known all my life. He was trying to get into the saloon, but it was before business hours. He tried the door and knocked on the window, but there was no answer. I leaned out of the train window and yelled at him for all I was worth, but he did not hear me."

All was asked about the incident yesterday while the General was at dinner, and he explained that he was trying to get some liquor for a white gentleman at the hotel who had been "tuck bad" in the early morning.

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RUTLEDGE CREDITORS ACCEPT 69 PER CENT

Head of Realty Firm Pays 54 Cents on Dollar in Cash, 15 Per Cent in Note.

A motion for the dismissal of the involuntary bankruptcy proceedings against the realty firm of Rutledge & Kilpatrick, in the United States District Court today, disclosed that a settlement had been reached between the 130 creditors and the surviving member of the firm, Robert Rutledge, under which the creditors accepted payment of their claims at the rate of 69 cents on the dollar, of which 54 per cent was paid in cash and 15 per cent in a note signed by Rutledge.

Attorney John C. Tobin, counsel for the creditors, said the claims amounted to \$35,000. Claude Kilpatrick, who died Dec. 7, 1918, had been a member of the firm for many years. After the bankruptcy petition was filed some of the creditors sought legal advice as to whether they could hold Kilpatrick's estate liable for part of their claims. It was then stated by attorneys for the estate that Kilpatrick had loaned large sums to the firm, but was not a member of it at the time of his death.

Kilpatrick's widow, one of the heirs of the Liggett estate, lives at 33 Portland place. No statement was made in court as to who advanced the money with which the settlement was made, but it was said by attorneys that others besides Rutledge advanced a considerable portion of the settlement payment.

ST. LOUIS WOMEN TO ORGANIZE SATURDAY FOR FIGHT ON PRICES

Special Assistant to Attorney-General Will Address Heads of Organizations in C. of C. Room.

A meeting of the heads of women's organizations as a move toward reducing the cost of living will be held in the directors' room of the Chamber of Commerce Saturday at 10:30 a. m. Mrs. Frank P. Hays will be chairman, and Howard Figg, assistant to the Attorney-General of the United States, in special charge of measures intended to reduce the cost of living, will speak.

It is intended to effect an organization, at this meeting, to carry out a program to enlist the women of St. Louis in such measures as may be decided on as necessary to the end in view. The call for the meeting follows a preliminary meeting, which was held at the Planters Hotel.

COUNTRY CLUB LOCKERS TO GO

Members Advised to Remove Liquor Now Stored There.

In line with the action of other clubs, the St. Louis Country Club yesterday notified its members that the locker system of storing intoxicants for members will be discontinued after Jan. 15.

It is noted that under a ruling of the United States Department of Justice it will be illegal to maintain the lockers and it advises that members remove the liquor now kept at the club for their use. As in the case of other clubs, residents' members will be permitted to keep intoxicants in their rooms on the theory that the club is their residence.

MAN DIES OF FRACTURED SKULL; WATCHMAN IS HELD Leo Bani Was Found Unconscious Wednesday in Vacant Lot Near Forge Company Plant.

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GOLD COINS ISSUED FOR GIFT PURPOSES BY ST. LOUIS BANKS

Subtreasury and Some Banks Limit Issue to Denominations of \$5 or Less.

The issuance of gold pieces to be used as Christmas presents, which had been discouraged during the war, was resumed in a limited way by the St. Louis Subtreasury and the banks today. Last year it was impossible to obtain gold coin for presentation purposes except in exchange for gold note paper money, which says on its face that it is redeemable in gold.

At the Subtreasury it was said silver or silver notes would be redeemed in gold in limited quantities and in gold coins in denominations not greater than \$5. The principal demand there was for \$2.50 and \$5 pieces.

Banks were asked not to encourage the practice of giving gold coins as presents but there was no prohibition on the issuance of gold in exchange for other money. Some banks provided gold coins of all denominations for their customers. Others, following the example of the Subtreasury, would issue no gold coins above the \$5 denomination.

1500 CHILDREN ENTERTAINED BY BACHELOR AT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Games, Candy, Fruit and Horns Given, and Guests Are Taken to Vaudeville Show.

About 1500 boys and girls whose Christmas in their homes is not up to the desired standard of Santa Claus were guests this afternoon at a celebration given in Arcadia Hall, Olive street and West End place, by Dr. J. E. Myers, a dentist, with offices in the Rialto Theater Building, his eighth annual "party" of the sort. He is a bachelor.

A 16-foot tree stood in the center of the dance floor, and about it were heaped sufficient oranges, bags of candy, popcorn balls and horns to supply each guest.

The children played games in the early afternoon and later went to a special matinee performance in the Empress Theater nearby.

Each child wore a tag giving his name and address to guide street car conductors in directing them to their homes when the fun ended.

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THE St. Louis Woman's Club will be the scene of the ball which Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Overstreet will give this evening for their debutante niece, Miss Margaret Frances Maxwell. Miss Maxwell will wear a gown of white crystal over white satin, and will carry pink roses. Mrs. Overstreet's gown will be of gray sequins, with a corsage of violets.

Tomorrow evening at the Woman's Club Miss Josephine Edgar will make her bow to society at a ball which her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Selwyn C. Edgar of 4509 Pershing avenue, will give. In the receiving line with the debutante and her parents will be Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dean Jr., Mrs. Edgar's brother-in-law and sister. Miss Edgar will wear a gown of white sequin, and will carry pink roses. Mrs. Edgar will be in jade green velvet, and Mrs. Dean in black velvet. On both occasions Christmas decorations will be used, and the guests will number about 300.

Social Items

Mrs. Samuel L. Gelsinger of the Buckingham Hotel will entertain at the St. Louis Club tomorrow afternoon with a Christmas tea dance in honor of her daughter, Miss Gloria Gelsinger, who is home from Ogontz School for the holidays, and Miss Ludington, a debutante. Mrs. Gelsinger has invited about 300 guests, including the college set and debutantes. Miss Gelsinger will wear a frock of yellow velvet, silver cloth and tulle.

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HONOR GUEST AT LUNCHEON TODAY



Miss Isabel Scott

and her mother will be in black jet and tulle. Miss Ludington's gown will be of orchid chiffon, trimmed in beads, and that of Mrs. Ludington, who also will receive, will be of black net.

Miss Elizabeth Foley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Foley of 5859 Clemens avenue, was hostess today at a luncheon given in honor of Miss Isabel Scott of Toledo, O., who is the guest of Miss Elizabeth Parker, 39 Washington terrace. The guests included Misses Etta Randolph, Janet Gregg, Rebecca Chase, Mary Turner, Lucy Holtzelle, Frances West, Lucille Howard and Elizabeth Bernie. Miss Scott and Miss Parker are roommates at Dobb's Ferry School and are here for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. George F. Steedman of 34 Westmoreland place gave a dinner dance at Florissant Valley Country Club last Monday evening for about 100 of the junior set. Their daughter, Miss Katherine Steedman, who is home from school for the holidays, and Miss Emily Shepley, daughter of Mrs. Arthur Shepley, were honor guests. Christmas greens and flowers were used for decorations.

Mrs. Fennimore Cooper and Miss Evelyn Guy, 10 Portland place, surprised their father, William E. Guy, with a dinner party Monday evening in celebration of his seventy-fifth birthday. The guests were Thomas H. West, George Carpenter, Thomas Akin, Dr. John MacIvor, Isaac Lionberger, W. K. Bixby and Col. A. T. Perkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Maxwell of 5033 Washington boulevard and Mr. and Mrs. James E. Allison of 5825 Bates will entertain at the Artists' Guild tomorrow evening with a dance for their daughters, Miss Margaret Maxwell and Miss Frances Allison.

Mr. and Mrs. Thaxter Parks of Boston, Mass., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Hope Thaxter, to Graham Parks Spencer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Franklin Spencer of New York City, formerly of St. Louis.

Dr. and Mrs. Willard Bartlett, 4257 Washington boulevard, will entertain with a box party for their son, Willard Bartlett Jr., at the Princeton Triangle Club performance at the Odeon this evening. Their guests will include Misses Mary Francis Dickson and Audrey Faust and Messrs. Bert Lambert and Robert Wilson Bartlett. Willard Bartlett Jr. is a sophomore at Princeton.

Some of the others who will entertain parties this evening are: Mrs. W. C. Battle, Mrs. Warren Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. P. Taylor Bryan, Mrs. W. D. Collins, Mrs. Theodore P. Conant, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Compton, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Danforth, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert S. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Edward F. Gottra, Mrs. John L. Green, Mrs. Charles E. Kimball, Bevis Longstreth, Dr. and Mrs. W. A. McCandless, Mrs. Crittenden McKinley, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pope O'Fallon, Mrs. J. Herndon Smith, Mrs. L. B. Stuart, Rolla Wells, Louis Werner, Mrs. Eugene Williams, Judge George H. Williams.

Miss Nancy Erwin of Los Angeles, Cal., will arrive next Sunday morning to visit Mrs. B. White Williams of 715 Interdrive avenue. Mrs. Williams will give a mixed tea in compliment to her guest on Dec. 28 and on Dec. 30 Miss Mildred Brooks will entertain in her honor and the following day Miss Elizabeth will give a tea.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis P. Aloe, 36 North Kingsbury place, will give a reception Sunday evening from 8:30 to 11:30 o'clock to introduce to society Mrs. Myron Aloe, wife of Lieut. Myron Aloe recently returned from France. Mrs. Aloe was Miss Ethel Kaufman of New York City. Assisting in the receiving will be Mr. and Mrs. Albert Aloe, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Hirsch, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Aloe, Mrs. Isabel Aloe.

Mrs. Carl Graham Campbell of Huntington, W. Va., is visiting Mrs. J. P. Licklider of 742 Harvard avenue, University City. Mrs. Campbell before her marriage was Miss Nellie J. Quick of St. Louis.

Mrs. R. N. Denham of 5729 Verdon avenue will be hostess Saturday afternoon to the St. Louis circle of Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

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Clearance of Up to \$25 Dresses	\$13.79
Clearance of Up to \$30 Dresses	\$17.90
To \$50 Daytime and Evening Dresses	\$23.90
To \$60 Daytime and Evening Dresses	\$33.00
To \$100 Daytime and Evening Dresses	\$50.00
To \$125 Daytime and Evening Dresses	\$75.00
To \$185 Daytime and Evening Dresses	\$100.00
To \$195 Daytime and Evening Dresses	\$125.00
To \$250 Daytime and Evening Dresses	\$150.00
To \$375 Daytime and Evening Dresses	\$200.00

CLEARANCE All Waists

There is one thing about this sale that we would like to put in type so large that no one could miss seeing it, and that is that EVERY WINTER WAIST is reduced. Nothing has been reserved except new arrivals in Spring merchandise. All of our finest blouses, including cascade and costume blouses of the highest type.

Up to \$3.95 Voile Waists	\$1.89
To \$5.00 Georgettes and Crepe de Chines	\$2.89
To \$6.95 Georgettes and Crepe de Chines	\$4.59
To \$10.00 Georgettes and Crepe de Chines	\$6.89
To \$13.95 Georgettes and Crepe de Chines	\$9.89
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To \$39.50 Georgettes and Crepe de Chines	\$17.79
To \$50.00 Georgettes and Crepe de Chines	\$25.00
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All Boots

Every pair of Winter Boots marked for immediate clearance. Nothing is too good to escape the price lowerings. We have cut prices to where the savings will appeal to every woman.

Up to \$8.00 BOOTS	\$5.45
Up to \$12.50 BOOTS	\$7.45
Up to \$15.00 BOOTS	\$9.45
Up to \$20.00 BOOTS	\$12.45

Balcony

All Skirts

There are all kinds of Skirts in this marvelous sale—the entire stock of Fall and Winter Skirts has been divided into groups and marked at far less than their real value.

Up to \$10.00 SKIRTS	\$5.95
Up to \$12.95 SKIRTS	\$7.95
Up to \$16.95 SKIRTS	\$9.95
Up to \$25.00 SKIRTS	\$13.95

Fourth Floor

Having accumulated a tremendous stock, we are compelled by circumstances to make the most drastic reductions in a great Clearance Sale that surpasses any such sale we have ever held. Every Fall and Winter garment remaining in our stock has been radically reduced for immediate clearance.

The only exceptions are Underwear and Petticoats (which will be offered during our January Sale of Underwear a little later) and Furs. And while all Furs are not included, there are many that have been reduced, and you will find the prices throughout the department are much lower than present market prices.

No new Spring merchandise in any department is included in the sale.

The one thing we want you to fully realize is that all Winter merchandise is reduced. Everything bears a special Clearance Sale price tag. Merchandise that has been reduced prior to this sale has taken still greater reductions.

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Second Floor

Up to \$1.00 Waists 39c
Limited quantity of Voile Waists, slightly mused from handling, to be sacrificed at this small price for immediate clearance; on sale as long as the lot lasts.
First Floor.

CLEARANCE All Coats and Wraps

In order to make this sale of widest possible appeal—so that women of varied tastes and means could avail themselves of its opportunities—we have taken our entire stock of Fall and Winter Coats and Wraps and marked every one of them for clearance. There are no exceptions.

Clearance of Up to \$40 Coats	\$23.95
Clearance of Up to \$55 Coats	\$33.95
Clearance of Up to \$80 Coats	\$49.50
Up to \$110 Coats and Wraps	\$65.00
Up to \$125 Coats and Wraps	\$79.00
Up to \$165 Coats and Wraps	\$99.00

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Group No. 1—Reduced to	\$39.00
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Group No. 3—Reduced to	\$59.00
Group No. 4—Reduced to	\$79.00

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Group No. 1—Reduced to	\$39.75
Group No. 2—Reduced to	\$49.75
Group No. 3—Reduced to	\$59.75

Third Floor.

CLEARANCE All Suits

This sale provides savings on EVERY WINTER SUIT in our entire stock. It is a collection that stands supreme in scope of selection and in the excellence of the Suits themselves. Price cutting of the most sensational character is the order of the day.

Clearance of Up to \$40 Suits	\$19.00
Clearance of Up to \$50 Suits	\$29.00
Clearance of Up to \$65 Suits	\$39.00
Clearance of Up to \$80 Suits	\$49.00
Clearance of Up to \$90 Suits	\$59.00
Clearance of Up to \$135 Suits	\$79.00

Third Floor

CLEARANCE Juvenile Winter Apparel

Mothers will welcome this opportunity to save on apparel for the younger members of the family. Bring the children with you during these vacation days and get a complete new outfit at great savings.

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Up to \$25.00 Coats, \$16.90 Sizes 8 to 16 years	Up to \$22.50 Dresses, \$13.95 Sizes 6 to 14 years
Up to \$29.50 Coats, \$22.90 Sizes 8 to 16 years	Up to \$29.50 Dresses, \$18.95 Sizes 12 to 16 years

Balcony.

CARDINAL MERCIER'S OWN STORY

Pastoral Letter, Written After Cardinal's Return From Rome, and Telling of Encouragement Received From Pope Benedict, Angers Von Bissing—More Attacks on Priests for Patriotic Sermons.

CHAPTER XVI.

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Von Bissing Again Tries to Restrain Clergy.

November and December, 1915; German complaints against Belgian clergy, for patriotic utterances in the pulpit, caused protracted correspondence between Cardinal Mercier and Baron von Bissing, Governor-General.

In this correspondence, the Governor-General for the second time emphasizes the value of his claim to exact "loyalty" pledges from the clergy, and leaves the survey of their conduct to Cardinal Mercier, whose monthly with patriotic utterances, heartening to drooping spirits, characterized his whole course throughout the war.

One does not have to look far to understand Von Bissing's concern. The primate was planning a visit to Rome, and it was a foregone conclusion that, at least so far as matters of religious jurisdiction were concerned, he would speak frankly.

Moreover, when the Governor-General entrusted the Cardinal with supervision of the priests, as regards their sermons, and relied upon him to prevent alleged dangerous incursions into politics, Von Bissing was naturally toward a dominant figure of whom he, perhaps, soon expected to be rid.

But the Cardinal was not only a priest, but a statesman of unceasing watchfulness. His immediate detection of what seems to have been a plot to prevent his re-entry into Belgium compelled the Government to grant him a passport which should specifically accord him the right of return as well as to depart. His rejection of the first document put forward the date of his journey from November to January.

In the meantime, Von Bissing was unanswerable into such concessions that the Cardinal was enabled to write with unceasing exultation his

thanks for seeing himself "entrusted with the control of priests suspected of having lacked in respect for the dignity of their ministry."

Unquestionably at this point Von Bissing realized, however reluctantly, that it was impossible to prevent the Cardinal from having his way on certain vital subjects.

Two significant facts are emphasized in the correspondence. One is the pervasive effect of the first pastoral letter. The other is the absolute inability of the German Government, with all its power, to deny to the Belgians patriotic refreshment in their churches.

A Patriotic "Program."

Writing nearly a year after the event, Von Bissing almost meekly admits that "the pastoral letter of last Christmas (1915) appears to embody a program and to act as an encouragement to the faint-hearted."

That was, of course, the Cardinal's purpose in issuing it. The knowledge of this plan continually irritated the Governor-General, and by every means at his command, some of them absurdly extravagant, he referred events which did happen and many more, melodramatically prophesied, back to the outspoken pastoral. That document was a defeat for German methods of repression and the truth was thoroughly unpalatable.

As to purging the sermons of the clergy of patriotic sentiments, that was a task as impossible as hacking

the way to Paris. Music played a striking part in the church services when the words were repressed.

In the early days of the German occupation the Belgian air, "Vers l'Avenir" was not prohibited. Expectant crowds would remain in St. Gudule and other churches in Brussels and elsewhere, to be quickened with new hope by its inspiring melody. And occasionally the organist, keyed to ecstatic mood, would spurn thoughts of arrest and imprisonment and launch into a ringing proclamation of the proscribed "La Brabançonne."

The national hymn is not intrinsically great music. Its words are not remarkable poetry. But to a people in chains, the text and air expressed the maximum of soul-stirring and vitalizing beauty.

"Abused Their Liberty."

Von Bissing wrote to the Cardinal, Nov. 6, complaining that priests "continue to abuse the liberty given them as ministers of worship." He cited, as typical of numerous cases, the following:

"At the Lourdes grotto at Laeken, preachers are continually uttering political manifestoes. On Oct. 14 one of them went so far as to touch openly and directly on the recruiting of the Belgian army. His words must have been understood by young Belgians as an invitation to disobey my orders, about the sense of which there could be no doubt. The preacher gave it out as certain that 15 per cent only of the Brussels people fit for military service had rejoined the army, while 80 per cent of the province had passed over the frontier and had enlisted."

The preacher knew what he was doing, for he knew of young people who had been punished for violating my decrees.

"As I have declared several times to your eminence, I think that the guilt of these priests deserves some extenuation from the fact that they feel themselves encouraged by the formal or tacit consent of their ecclesiastical superiors. Nevertheless, I shall be forced to make the preacher of the Laeken sermon responsible if a stop is not put to those inconsiderate proceedings in some other way. Consequently, I beg your eminence to let me know whether I may count on some disciplinary measure being taken by ecclesiastical authority. I believe I have this right. I have waived my claim to exact from each member of the clergy a declaration of loyalty, confiding as I did in the pledge given by your eminence and on your guaranteeing the peaceful attitude of the clergy."

Memorial Sermon Offends.

Nov. 10, the Governor wrote, complaining of the sermon which Father Cardyn preached in St. Gudule, Brussels, at a memorial service for Belgian soldiers. He said that in the Flemish text especially, the sermon showed an abuse of the minister's liberty. As the Cardinal was at the service, the Governor expressed his surprise that such language was used in the Cardinal's presence. "I venture to hope that the preacher Cardyn will soon have to give an account of his action to the ecclesiastical authorities," he wrote. The Governor later made complaints against the Cure Swalus and three other priests.

In letters of reply, the Cardinal said that in four of the six cases he had found no ground for the German complaint, or had received no complaint definite enough to investigate. Of the other two cases, he wrote:

I have made inquiries about the sermon preached at the Lourdes Grotto Oct. 14. The preacher inveighed against the frivolous spirit which draws to the cinema and worldly pleasures young men whose right place was elsewhere, viz., at the service of their country. He did, in fact, at this part of his sermon give some statistics. He said that at the time of the enrollment of volunteers in our army 12 per cent of the young men of Brussels had enlisted, while there were 80 per cent who came from the country. The very precision of the figures shows that the orator had in view the enrollment of young men before the German occupation, for on what source would he have called for giving figures of recruiting at the present time?

As regards the sermon of Nov. 8 at St. Gudule, I believe I can put my finger on what gave your excellency cause for anxiety. A German of high standing said to a trustworthy person, who repeated it to me, that the Abbe Cardyn had compared Germany to a prostitute. As a matter of fact, this person was led into error by a spy who heard the word "prostitution," and applied it in a distorted sense. I heard the preacher myself. He denounced a few wretched wights who, instead of joining in the general mourning

of the country, unmindful of their brothers, father or husband fighting for them, hand themselves over shamefully to the enemy.

Takes Responsibility.

I have summoned the priests whose names were mentioned in your excellency's letter; I have listened to their versions, and I have let them know what my views were, and consequently what their own views must be about their ministry. I pledge myself, therefore, for the correctness of their behavior.

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LEUTENANT SUPPORTS STORY OF "FRAME-UP" AGAINST DETZER

Testifies Sergeant, Now Said to Be Deserter in France, Threatened to Get Police Captain.

By the Associated Press.
NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Testimony supporting the allegation that Capt. Karl W. Detzer, on trial on charges of brutality to A. E. F. prisoners at Le Mans, was "framed" by men whose enmity he had incurred in France, was given yesterday by Fred Marlow, former Lieutenant in the Department of Criminal Investigation and Detzer's chief aid in his overseas police work.

Marlow testified that Sgt. Frank Hoyt, now said to be a deserter in France, threatened to "get" Capt. Detzer unless he tried to obtain his release from prison. It was Detzer who had him put under arrest.

Marlow also testified that Sgt. S. Madden, accused by A. Murray Phillips, a disabled soldier, of having robbed him of \$500 francs in the Le Mans police office July 16, could not have committed the theft. He said Madden was locked up several days previously.

THREE INJURED IN CAR COLLISION

Slippery Rails Cause Crash at High and Franklin.

Three persons were injured at 8:30 o'clock last night when a Hodiament car crashed into the side of a Belt car as the Hodiament car started to make the curve to the west at High street and Franklin avenue.

The injured were Antonis Granstett, 44 years old, 5725 West Park avenue, two fractured ribs and internal injuries; William Braster, 559 Kennerly avenue, motorcyclist of the Hodiament car, cuts on the face, and Sylvester Johnson, 32, 3326 Franklin avenue, a negro, scalp wounds. Slippery rails caused the collision.

MERCIER TELLS HOW LETTER WORRIED GOVERNOR-GENERAL

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Your excellency can rest assured that the clergy is not inciting the people to sedition. One year's experience must have convinced you that not one of the ugly prophecies put forward so often by those around you has been realized. Since the time our provinces have been occupied is there a single Belgian who has played a low trick on a German soldier?

Belgian folk are steadfast, but self-respecting in their patriotism, and the Belgian clergy is no stranger to this calm and noble attitude.

Germans Must Beware.

Von Bissing, in his reply, said: "It was a pleasure to me to hear that your eminence sent instructions to certain ecclesiastics and that you pledge your word anew for the behavior of all the clergy. I rejoice thereat and hope that in this way priests will for the future confine themselves within the bounds of their religious mission, without my having to take steps which, in the interest of the church, I would rather avoid."

"At the same time, I deem it my duty to make some observations on some of the propositions which have escaped your eminence. I cannot share your way of thinking when you assert that the behavior adopted hitherto by the clergy during the occupation is not fraught with danger. If during the year that has elapsed we have had no trouble to deplore, that does not mean that I must not be very wary about the future."

"I am answerable for the tranquility of the country and to uphold it I have at my disposal measures adapted to meet all emergencies. But I count especially on preventive measures. I wish to avoid new trials for the population, which might be caused by the passion or foolishness of a few. As matters stand, provocative sermons are having an evil influence, for they are awakening among their hearers consequences outside the churches, especially in times of military and political stress, as was the case about the time of last Michaelmas. This opinion, which I have held from the beginning of my entry into office, is shared by a number of witnesses to whom your eminence can hardly take exception. The excerpts from a Brussels newspaper, the *Vingtieme Siecle*, which I inclose with my letter, show clearly that even prudent addresses by preachers can be understood by the faithful as incitements to effective revolt. Such manifestoes, were they tolerated, would by the very nature of things end by creating little by little a permanent danger."

Cannot Tolerate Sermons.

"From another point of view, also, these sermons, which I cannot tolerate, exercise a more inciting influence than your eminence appears to think."

"The people believe that these verbal excesses issuing from the eminence of the pulpit have the sanction of ecclesiastical authority behind them."

"The pastoral letter of last Christmas appears to embody a program and to act as an encouragement to the faint-hearted. I venture to think that this straightforward language has cleared up the situation, and I have a right to hope that the country which I have administered since the time of the war and on which I have not ceased to bestow my utmost care will enjoy tranquility for its own greater advantage."

The article clipped from the *Vingtieme Siecle* (Twentieth Century) described a patriotic service in a Brussels church, and said: "The example given by the head of the episcopate, the program drawn up in the famous pastoral letter, have stimulated the zeal of the most faint-hearted."

(The next installment, Friday, will tell of the friction between the Cardinal and Von Bissing attending the Cardinal's departure from the country and the Cardinal's return.)

Hunter Accidentally Killed.

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BRADY DENIES KEEPING UP HOME FOR EMPLOYEE

Declares He Never Said He Was Father of Her Children—Case Under Adjudication

The divorce case of Mrs. Jennie A. Brady, 65 years old, of University City, against Hugh J. Brady, 69, a former chairman of the Democratic City Committee, was taken under advisement by Judge McElhinney in the Clayton Circuit Court yesterday afternoon.

Brady was on the stand for cross-examination the greater part of yesterday's hearing, repeating his denial of his wife's allegation that for the past 15 years he has maintained a home for Mrs. Matilda Alteraue, 424 Vista avenue, secretary and treasurer of the Brady Sales Agency, of which Brady is president.

Brady emphatically denied that he and Mrs. Brady, in the presence of their daughter, Mrs. Viola Hundhausen, of 721 Limit avenue, that he was the father of Mrs. Alteraue's two children. Mrs. Brady now makes her home with Mrs. Hundhausen.

Letter Introduced.

Brady denied that he drank to excess, and that he swore in the presence of children, "any more than I would swear in the presence of the court."

Attorneys for Mrs. Brady introduced a letter written to Brady from Chicago. It was dated July 25, but the year was not specified, and it read:

"I would like to see you for old time's sake, and also about some particular business. Ask for Mrs. Matilda. It was signed 'Argyle.'"

Mrs. Dorothy Williams, St. Louis manager of the Woodman Circle, testified that Mrs. Alteraue formerly was a deputy organizer of the circle, and that when in Chicago Mrs. Alteraue stopped "somewhere on Argyle avenue."

Son Witness Against Father.

Hugh A. Brady of Grand Rapids, Mich., who previously had testified that in the 23 years of his life he had never seen his father sober, was recalled to the stand and testified that once when in his father's office he saw Mrs. Alteraue's daughter, and that after the young woman left his father said: "That's a new relative that you knew nothing about. That's your half-sister." His father had been drinking at the time, he said, but was not drunk.

Much of the afternoon session was devoted to efforts to effect an all-mo agreement. Mrs. Brady's attorneys asked that in the event of a decree being granted she should have an allowance of \$100 a month.

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1 MAN BEATEN, 9 OTHERS STOPPED BY ROBBERS

First Tells of Falling to Sleep on Car and Being Held Up When He Got Off to Change.

One man was beaten and taken to the city hospital and nine others reported being stopped by highwaymen in various parts of the city last night and early today. John Miller, residing at the Stratford Hotel, was found by policemen at 4 a. m. at Park avenue and Grant street suffering from four scalp wounds. He said he had fallen asleep on a Bellefontaine car and had been carried beyond his destination. When he got off to take a returning car near where he was found, he said, he was held up by an armed man and robbed of \$112 and a diamond ring valued at \$255. When he begged the robber not to take the ring, he said, the highwayman beat him on the head with a revolver. Miller was taken to the city hospital. Stephen Smith, 4943 Palm street, a foreman for the Pevely Dairy Co., was stopped by two men near 3600 North Vandeventer avenue at 11 p. m. When the robbers found only 53 cents in his pockets they took his overcoat.

Other Holdups. Other holdups were reported by Edward W. Dinan, 3137 Ivanhoe avenue, robbed at Southwest and Columbia avenues of a watch and chain; Frank de Coner, 1908 Lafin avenue, robbed at North Market street and Grand avenue of \$18; Frank Richter, 2022 North Broadway, robbed of a watch near Union Market; William Campbell, 7446 Maple avenue, robbed of \$8 by four men who stepped from an automobile at Goodfellow and Maple avenues; Rufus Bishop, St. Charles, Mo., robbed of \$9.80 at Twelfth street and Franklin avenue; Louis Daled, 803 North Sixth street, robbed of \$75 at Sixth and Morgan streets; and Eugene Tully, 4611 Kennerly avenue, resisted two robbers at Cora and Kennerly avenues and the men fled.

Whisky valued at \$300, three pistols and \$5 were taken by burglars who robbed the saloon of Alex Fargo, 601 South Vandeventer avenue. Miss Elizabeth Seiber, a guest at the home of John Thompson, 1946 East Warner avenue, was awakened at 4 o'clock this morning by a flashlight shining in her face. Sitting up in bed, she saw a man ransacking the room. She screamed and he grabbed a purse from a chair and fled. The purse contained \$2 and a diamond ring valued at \$200.

Five Burglaries Reported. Miss Edna Barker, 5352 Easton avenue, screamed and fainted at 5 p. m. yesterday, when she was seated in the kitchen of her home and saw the door leading from the basement stealthily opened and a burglar peer in. The surprise apparently was mutual, for when she revived, the intruder had fled without taking anything. Five other burglaries in homes were reported last night. The loss was estimated at \$400 in the five places.

U. R. VIRTUALLY QUITS TRYING TO STOP SMOKING ON CARS

Conductors Powerless, Public Service Body Is Told—City Ordinance Be Drawn. An ordinance to prohibit smoking on street cars will be prepared by City Counselor Daues for submission to the Board of Aldermen. Daues announced his intention yesterday after Col. A. T. Perkins, manager for the receiver of the United Railways, told the State Public Service Commission that the company had virtually quit trying to enforce the "smoking-in-rear-seats-when-windows-are-open" rule.

Col. Perkins said that many complaints had been received against smoking on the cars, but that the company was powerless, as there was no ordinance to back up any effort to prevent smoking by passengers. As a result of the company's inability to enforce the rear-seat smoking rule, he said, smokers had taken advantage of the situation and were smoking in all parts of the cars. The practice is objectionable to a large percentage of passengers, he said, but the company could do nothing about it. Conductors could merely request passengers to stop smoking, he said, but that was as far as their jurisdiction went.

In offering to draw up an ordinance against street car smoking, Counselor Daues said he did not know whether it would be passed by the Board of Aldermen.

UNITED RAILWAYS TO RESUME REGULAR STOPS ON JAN. 1

Order Issued Following City's Withdrawal of Schedule of Permanent Skip-Stops. The skip-stop schedule on United Railways lines, which was put into effect Dec. 1 as a coal conservation measure, will be discontinued Jan. 1 by order of the State Public Service Commission.

The order followed the withdrawal by City Counselor Daues of a plan for a permanent skip-stop system, which would eliminate unnecessary stops and increase the efficiency of the service by providing more car trips and faster running time. The Counselor changed his mind when reminded that the Board of Aldermen, at its last meeting, adopted a resolution demanding immediate restoration of the regular stop schedule. He said the Aldermen undoubtedly expressed the wishes of the people.

Col. A. T. Perkins, receivership manager for the company, told the commission that under the skip-stop system the total number of trips on all the car lines during the peak hours could be increased 8 per cent.

Nugents

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Friday Specials

Women's Pink Satin Corsets; front lace style, finished with six supporters; sizes 21 to 26. Made to sell for \$7.00; at... **\$4.98**

Women's Topless Brocade Corsets; finished with four supporters; sizes 20 to 26. Made to sell for \$2.00; at... **\$1.49**

Satin Bandeaux; finished with lace; back hook style; sizes 32 to 40. Made to sell for... **89c**

Women's Jersey Silk Petticoats, finished with jersey silk flounce, in a variety of colors. Made to sell for \$7.00; at... **\$5.49**

Women's Cotton Petticoats, finished with silk ruffle; variety of colors. Made to sell for \$3.50; at... **\$2.49**

Women's Knit Petticoats, in dark colors, finished with colored borders. Seconds of \$1.00 and \$1.25 quality; at... **79c**

Women's Batiste Envelope Chemise; embroidery trimmed. Made to sell for \$1.50; at... **98c**

Women's Muslin Gowns; long sleeves; embroidery trimmed. Made to sell for \$1.89; at... **\$1.59**

Women's Muslin Gowns, in slip-over style; 3/4 length sleeves; very large. Made to sell for... **\$1.89**

Women's Cotton Bloomers; closed style; sizes 25 to 29. Made to sell for \$9c; at... **69c**

Batiste Corset Covers; lace trimmed; hand embroidered. Come in white or flesh. Made to sell for \$1.00; at... **69c**

Flannelette Gowns; made of plain white or striped material. Made to sell for... **\$1.98**

Women's Fine Ribbed Cotton Union Suits; high neck, long sleeves, medium neck, elbow sleeves or sleeveless, ankle length; sizes 34 to 38. Seconds of \$2.00 quality; at... **\$1.59**

Women's Art Silk and Cotton Union Suits, with high neck, long sleeves, medium neck, elbow sleeves, ankle length; sizes 32 to 40. Made to sell for \$3; at... **\$2.19**

Women's Pink Cotton Bloomers; closed style; size 5. Seconds of 59c; at... **39c**

Women's Fine Ribbed Cotton Union Suits; extra sizes; tight knee. Seconds of \$1.00 quality; at... **79c**

Hour Sales Friday —Lay this valuable list in a handy place until Friday morning. Remember none sold before or after the hour—none C. O. D.—no phone—no mail order



Boys' \$10 Rain Outfits, \$6.38

Double texture. Coats with hat to match; guaranteed rainproof; sizes 4 to 12.

Boys' \$1.00 Caps, 78c

All-wool knitted toques for skating, in various colors.

6c Laundry Soap, 10 Bars, 37c

"Lenox" "Proctor & Gamble's" high grade. (Limit one order to customer.)

59c Ticking, 40c

Two to 9 yard lengths of Featherproof Ticking, in staple blue stripes; 30 in. wide.

22c Toweling, Yard, 15c

Half bleached, blue border; for dish or roller towels.

Women's 15c Hdkfs., 10c

Made of Irish lawn, with hand-embroidered corner.

\$1.95 Knitted Sets, \$1.49

Scarfs; 66 inches long and 10 inches wide, in combinations of various colors, with cap to match. (Millinery Dept.)

\$7.50 Blankets, Pair, \$5.45

Dark gray, with striped border; size 68x88 in.

39c India Linen, 30c

Made of fine select white cotton; 27 in. wide.

\$1.25 Fancy Brassieres, \$1.00

Hook back style; sizes 34 to 38.



\$3.98 French Serge, \$3.35

All-wool; dress weight; in navy blue; 48 in. wide.

Boys' \$1.29 Shirts, 94c

Percales and chambrays, with collar attached; sizes 12 1/2 to 14 neck.

\$1.49 Rag Rugs, \$1.10

Heavy grade, in blue, tan, pink and green; hit-and-miss pattern; 25x50-in. size.

75c China Bowls, 45c

Imported China. Berry Bowls, with floral design.

Boys' \$2.50 Knickers, \$1.77

Made of dark color corduroy; sizes 6 to 17.

Men's \$1.65 Shirts, \$1.29

Gray Domest Flannelette, with collar attached; two pockets and buttons; sizes 14 1/2 to 16 1/2.

Women's Up to \$4 Shoes, \$1.97

Patent, gummed or vici kid, some with cloth tops, sizes to 5 1/2. (Basement.)

Men's \$1.50 Overalls, \$1.17

Blue Denim Overalls and Jumpers, sizes 32 to 40 waist.

Men's 35c Hose, 25c

Seamless lisle Half Hose; seconds.

75c Windsor Kettles, 45c

Dark blue graniteware Pot Roast Kettles; with covers; 4 1/2-quart size.



35c Witch Hazel, 25c

Pure extract of Witch Hazel; 16-oz. bottle; contains 15% alcohol.

65c Sanitary Aprons, 48c

Regular size; made with net top.

\$2.50 Leather Purses, \$1.69

With top or back strap; nicely lined.

\$1.50 Linen Paper, 95c

Two-quire box, containing white and tinted stationery.

Children's \$1.48 Shoes, \$1.10

Black or brown, in lace or button style; sizes 4 to 8.

Women's \$3.50 Juliets, \$2.65

Black kid, with plain toe and rubber heels.

Men's \$1.25 Underwear, 93c

Flexible ribbed Cotton Shirts or Drawers, in ecru color; all sizes.

Men's \$3.50 Pajamas, \$2.45

Heavy gray flannelette, well made; all sizes.

Boys' \$11.00 Suits, \$8.55

Wool casimere, with two pairs knickers; sizes 6 to 17.

Boys' \$1.00 Union Suits, 62c

Ribbed fleeced, in ecru color; slightly soiled; sizes 26 to 34.



Women's \$2.00 Petticoats, \$1.45

Jersey knit, finished with satin flounce; variety of colors.

Men's 59c Ties, 35c

Four-in-Hand, of satin and Japanese cotton crepe.

Men's \$2.45 Shirts, \$1.50

Soft cuff styles of mercerized percales or soft-finished madras; sizes 14 to 17.

Men's \$3 Union Suits, \$1.95

Winter weight; flexible ribbed; sizes 14 to 44, in ecru or gray.

Men's \$1.50 Caps, 96c

Winter weight; corduroy and fancy cloths, with earbands.

Women's \$1.90 Slippers, \$1.60

Black Bouclé Slippers; with silk pompon and low heels.

Men's \$4.00 Slippers, \$2.95

Tan Everetts or Juliet house slippers, also Indian moccasins.

Women's \$1.95 Slippers, \$1.35

Black Felt Juliets, with leather soles and heels and fur trimmed; sizes up to 8. (Downstairs Store.)

\$2.00 Alarm Clocks, \$1.47

One-day Alarm; large, clear dial, with top bell.

\$1.69 Pillow-cases, \$1.29

Stamped in assorted simple designs; 26x12 inches.



\$7.95 Breakfast Sets, \$5.45

Forty-two pieces in Winter scene design.

\$1.75 Fancy Veils, \$1.25

Come in various meshes, with scroll borders; in tan, blue and brown.

\$1.39 Muslin Gowns, \$1.00

Silpover-style, trimmed in embroidery; sizes 14 and 17.

Men's \$1.69 Shirts, \$1.00

Fancy percale and madras, in new patterns; sizes 13 1/2 to 17.

50c Linen Stationery, 38c

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\$1.75 Bread Boxes, \$1.15

Combination Bread and Cake Boxes, family size; roll-top style. (Slightly scratched.)

\$8.50 Steel Couches, \$6.96

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\$1.50 Corsets, \$1.15

American Lady Corsets, medium bust and medium skirt. Sizes 21 to 25.

Women's 45c Vests, 30c

Swiss ribbed lisle, mercerized taped; extra sizes. Seconds.

Women's \$3.50 Gloves, \$2.55

Best quality cape, one-clasp style; good colors.



69c Chiffon Veils, 45c

Hemstitched finish, for motorizing.

Women's \$1.00 Petticoats, 75c

Gray knit, finished with border.

\$6.00 Broad-cloth, \$4.89

All Wool, satin finish, in the wanted shades; 44 inches wide.

Boys' \$5.50 Shoes, \$4.25

High Shoes, in tan or black; in English lace style. Sizes 1 to 5 1/2.

Women's \$2.25 Gloves, \$1.95

Silpover-Leatherette to Gauntlets in gray or white.

\$3.95 Leather Purses, \$2.88

Purses and Handbags in various leathers, styles and sizes.

\$2.00 Bag Frames, \$1.42

Celluloid in shell finish, good weight and quality.

\$1.00 Face Powder, 75c

Mary Garden Powder, in all shades.

5c Cotton, 3 for 10c

Mercerized Darning Cotton, in black, white and colors; 45-yard spools.

Women's 79c Hose, 50c

Semi-finished silk, with lisle tops; slight irregularities.



Children's \$2.89 Sweaters, \$1.89

Brushed wool, made with belt, in rose or Copenhagen; sizes 1 to 4 years.

\$2.50 Stew Kettles, \$1.49

Heavy-grade Aluminum Ware, 8-qt. size.

\$3 Doz. Cups and Saucers, 9 for \$1.85

Jag Cups and Saucers, in several different decorations.

\$1.50 Organdie Collars, \$1.00

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Pretty floral designs for canopies; 8-in. widths.

Infants' 19c Hose, 15c; 4 Pcs., 50c

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29c Dress Flannelette, 24c Yd.

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Men's 25c Hdkfs., 20c

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45.00 beautiful French Coney Throws..... \$35.00

25.00 large Opossum Animal Scarfs..... \$19.50

195.00 novelty Neckpiece, genuine mink..... \$139.50

19.50 gray Fox Animal Scarfs..... \$14.75

10.00 large Coney Muff, melon shape..... \$7.85

29.50 taupe Squirrel Choker Scarf..... \$21.50

40.00 Genuine Mink Choker Scarf..... \$33.50

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\$3.95 Georgette and Crepe de Chine Blouse, \$2.89

This collection consists of a splendidly chosen style variety featuring many clever trimming ideas. Slightly soiled from handling.

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\$5.00 Women's and Misses' Sweaters, \$3.59

Made of good quality worsted yarn in coat style with belts all around—novelty pockets and large flat collar—Copen, and rose.

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\$2.95 Beautiful Smocks, \$1.95

Stylish Smocks made of good quality linen in white, Copen, rose and green. Smart pockets and belts; pretty smocking.

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1—\$25.00 Art Silk Sweater, Copen shade, \$19.50.

1—\$25.00 Super Jerz, angora trimmed, rose shade, \$19.50.

1—\$35.00 Super Jerz Sweater; Hudson seal trimmed, rose shade, \$25.00.

1—\$35.00 Super Jerz Sweater; mole trimmed, Alice blue, \$25.00.

12—\$6.95 Velvet Blouses; roll collar style; navy shade, \$10.00.

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A day's use will usually overcome the ordinary cough and for bronchitis, croup, hoarseness and bronchial asthma, there is nothing better. Pinex is a most valuable concentrated compound of genuine Norway pine extract, and has been used for generations to break up severe coughs.

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PLAN TO GET BUYERS TO DEMAND USE OF RIVER

Jobbers and Manufacturers to Wage Campaign Among Customers in Southern Arkansas.

About 50 representatives of large St. Louis jobbing houses and manufacturers yesterday pledged themselves to a campaign among their customers in Southern Arkansas to persuade them to ask that goods bought in St. Louis be shipped via the Government River Service, which is the barge service operating to New Orleans.

The Railroad Administration recently granted rail and river rates which permit shipments by river to Memphis, thence by rail to Arkansas points, which include Little Rock, Hot Springs and other points where St. Louis business thrives. The saving in rates now paid for all rail shipments will be 16 1/2 cents per 100 pounds.

P. W. Coyle, traffic commissioner of the Chamber of Commerce, stated that the lower rate would be a potential for strengthening St. Louis supremacy in the district affected and weakening Chicago. St. Louis under all-rail rate enjoys an advantage of a rate 25 cents to 100 pounds under that of Chicago. Coyle expressed the belief that Chicago could not survive the added handicap of 16 1/2 cents, making the total differential 41 1/2 cents.

Jackson Johnson, chairman of the International Shoe Co., told shippers that the extent to which they used the rail and river rates now in effect would determine the extent to which the Railroad Administration would extend the territory to which such rates would apply. He said that the barge line was growing more vital to St. Louis as it became more apparent that rail rates soon would be advanced.

An illustration of how the barge line may be used to the advantage of St. Louis business was cited by a representative of the Kennard Carpet Co. He said that his company had been importing linoleums from England via New York, but now was using the New Orleans gateway and the river at a saving of 35 cents per hundred pounds in the transportation charge.

CABLEGRAM TELLS OF DEATH OF H. J. MEYER IN SOUTH AFRICA

Former Vice President of Drug Company Left St. Louis 25 Years Ago; Was Hunter of Big Game.

A cablegram received yesterday from Johannesburg, South Africa, announced the death of Henry J. Meyer, at one time vice president of the Meyer Bros. Drug Co.

Meyer, who was the second son of the late C. F. G. Meyer, founder of the drug company, left St. Louis about 25 years ago, going to Johannesburg, where he engaged in gold mining and later became interested in the diamond fields. His last visit to St. Louis was during the World's Fair in 1904. He was about 55 years old and is survived by his wife, who was Miss Lillian Walker, a daughter of Surveyor-General Walker of Cape Town, and four daughters. His mother is Mrs. C. F. G. Meyer, 2723 Keokuk street. Three brothers are Carl Meyer, O. P. Meyer and A. C. Meyer, and Mrs. F. W. Shiller is a sister.

The cablegram announcing his death gave no particulars. Three months ago Carl Meyer received a letter from Henry in which he stated that he was going on a hunting expedition into German East Africa. He had hunted big game for many years and it was his love for this sport which first took him to South Africa. His mother has many trophies of his hunts.

MISSOURIAN TO BE UNION ENVOY

Springfield Man Is Named on Rail Conference Committee.

By the Associated Press.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Dec. 24.—Appointment of J. J. Dowling of Springfield to membership on the committee that represents the six shop crafts in the conference with representatives of the Director-General of Railroads has been announced.

Dowling, who is general chairman of the International Association of Machinists on the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad system, was named by W. H. Johnson, international president of the order, to represent the grand lodge of the machinists' organization. The conference to which he has been called went into recess Dec. 20, but will reconvene next Saturday. The representatives of the railroads and shopmen will interpret several disputed articles in the agreement signed Sept. 20.

FIRE FROM CHRISTMAS TREE

Man Is Decorating It When Lighted Candle Overturns.

The first fire to result this year from candles on a Christmas tree damaged the home of Clarence Fairchild, 3571 Fairview avenue, 990 last night.

Fairchild was putting the finishing touches on the trimming when he lighted a candle and it accidentally overturned, igniting the tree. In trying to put out the blaze before the arrival of the department, Fairchild was burned on the hands, face and arm.

Ludendorff's Memoirs Suppressed.

By the Associated Press.

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The Vossische Zeitung says it learns that the memoirs of Gen. Ludendorff, former Chief Quartermaster General, and Admiral von Tirpitz, former Minister of the Navy, have been suppressed in the occupied zone, and that copies already purchased must be returned to the military authorities.

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A Merry Christmas

¶ We extend cordial holiday salutations to all, and take this means to thank our many patrons for their splendid co-operation during the strenuous holiday season.

Store Remains Closed All Day Thursday

FAMOUS-BARR CO.

We Give Eagle Stamps and Redeem Full Books for \$2 in Cash or \$2.50 in Merchandise—Few Restricted Articles Excepted.

Charge Purchases Made Friday and Remainder of Month Payable February 1st.

Friday Special Day as Usual

¶ Besides the other important events announced for the 26th (Friday), some of the best Friday specials of the year will be offered throughout the store.

Look for the Special Blue Tickets



The Most Conspicuous Event of the Season Will Begin Here Friday at 9 A. M.—Our

After-Xmas Apparel Sale

From the Costume Salon—
Dresses, Wraps, Suits

at $\frac{1}{2}$ Off Original Prices

¶ A wonderful collection of stunning Dresses for evening, afternoon and street wear; also evening wraps and exquisite fur-trimmed Suits. Every garment is an exclusive model. On sale during this event at $\frac{1}{2}$ price.

\$35 to \$45
Dance Frocks
\$24.50

¶ Mostly misses' sizes. But a few women's included, of satin, taffeta, tulle, chiffon and combinations.

\$27.50 to \$30
Dresses
\$18.00

¶ Of Serge, Satin, Tricotine, Mousseline, Taffeta, and Charmeuse, embroidered and braided. Sizes 14 to 44.

Which Presents Hundreds of Correctly Styled Outergarments for Women and Misses at the Most Important Savings of the Year

¶ Hundreds and hundreds of women who have attended our former After-Xmas Apparel Sales will be eager to attend this year's event. Those who are as yet unacquainted with the remarkable savings this occasion offers should make every effort to avail themselves of this year's opportunity. Involved are groups upon groups of fashionably-styled apparel, including coats, suits, dresses, skirts, furs, waists and sweaters, all of which have been subjected to most extreme underpricing. Don't fail to take advantage of this event, and if your Xmas gift is money, you couldn't invest it more profitably, if you need new clothes, than during this event.

Entire Stock of
Furs

At Savings on Original Prices of

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¶ Every Fur Garment in our entire stock is included, without a single exception. Your choice of any fur coat, cape, set or separate piece at this substantial saving.

Women's and Misses' Coats

\$59.75 to \$79.50
Values at

\$44.50

¶ Sport Coats of plush and fur fabrics; also models to 50 inches in length, of silver-tone, Bolivia, suede, velour, crystal cord, broadcloth and leather.

Spring Frocks
Specially priced

\$30

¶ Of Taffeta, Charmeuse, Crêpe de Chine, Georgette and combinations. Sizes 14 to 44.

Spring Frocks
Specially Priced
\$38

¶ Afternoon and street dresses of tricotine, serge, Georgette, Taffeta, Crêpe de Chine and Milette. Sizes 14 to 44.

From the Costume Salon—
Coats and Dresses

at $\frac{1}{3}$ Off Original Prices

¶ Superb styles in exclusive Coats and Street, Afternoon and Evening Dresses. Models of rare beauty and distinctiveness. Many of the Coats are magnificently trimmed with fur.

\$29.75 to \$37.50
Coats
\$25

¶ Full length coats of tinseltone, plush, velour, broadcloth, Normandy and polo cloth. Sizes 14 to 44.

\$35 to \$40 Dresses
\$23.00

¶ Tailored and afternoon models of serge, tricotine, velour, jersey and velveteen, Georgette, charmeuse, crêpe de chine and Georgette combinations.

\$39.75 to \$45
Coats
\$29

¶ Plain or fur-trimmed Suits and flared models, of velour, silver-tone, tulle, broadcloth and Normandy.

Gowns and Frocks
Originally \$125 to \$200
\$79.50

¶ Just a limited number, and only one of a kind. Stunning models for evening, dinner and street wear, fashioned of beautiful weaves.

\$79.50 to \$85
Coats
\$55.50

¶ 30-inch models of plush, fur fabrics of leather, Longer Coats of Charmeuse, Cord, Plumetis, Silvertone, Everts, Velour and Bolivia, many fur trimmed.

\$16.50 to \$22.50
Skirts
\$11.00

¶ Velour, Men's-Wear Serge, Wool, Foulard, Satin, Charmeuse, Novelties, Silk, Wool Plaids. Sizes to 30 waist.

\$10 to \$15
Skirts
\$8.75

¶ For street, business and sports wear of serges, poplin, silk faille, satin and wool plaids. Sizes to 30 waist.

\$45 to \$55
Suits
\$35.00

¶ Tailored, flared and dressy models of Velour, Serge, Silver-tone, Tricotine, with plain and fancy linings. Sizes 14 to 48.

\$59.75 to \$85
Suits
\$44

¶ Some fur trimmed, others plain, of Serge, Tricotine, Velour, Silvertone, Charmeuse, Plumetis, Pin Stripes and other mannish weaves.

\$7.50 to \$10
Sweater Coats
\$4.29

¶ Just 65. Made of wool in various weaves. Many favored colors.

Misses' Suits & Wraps
at $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ Savings

¶ Fashionable Gowns and Frocks from the Misses' Style Shop. Also exclusive fur-trimmed Suits and elaborate Coats and Wraps for daytime and evening wear.

AFTER-XMAS APPAREL SALE IN THE BASEMENT ECONOMY STORE

Suits

\$24.50 to \$30 Values,
\$15.95

¶ Made of wool serge and wool poplin, in attractive styles. Shown in black, navy blue and a few other desirable colors. Sizes for women and misses.

\$20 to \$22.50 Dresses
\$10.95

¶ Of velveteen, serge, and satin in navy, brown, taupe and Burgundy, and smartly styled. Trimmed with braid or embroidery.

\$35 and \$40 Coats
\$22.95

¶ Of jersey, wool velour and silvertone, in the wanted colors. Collars of fur or plush. Fully lined.

\$20 to \$22.50 Coats
\$13.75

¶ Just 100 warm coats of cheviot, wool velour and mixtures; a navy, brown, green and oxblood. Full or half lined.

Fur Coats and Sets
Choice of entire Basement stock—
 $\frac{1}{4}$ Off

Dresses

\$22.50 and \$25 Values,
\$12.95

¶ In the latest styles, fresh and new. Made of satin, serge, crêpe de chine and Georgette and satin in combination. Trimmed with braid or lace collars. In the wanted colors.

\$3.50 and \$3.98 Waists
\$2.59

¶ Of Georgette, Charmeuse and Crêpe de Chine; plain tailored or with a braided or frilled front. All sizes.

\$5 and \$5.98 Sweaters
\$3.59

¶ Women's all-wool or open front coat models, of wool yarns in plain and fancy stitch. Some belted.

\$6.98 to \$9.98 Blouses
\$5.50

¶ Made of Georgette in light colors and dark suit shades; with fronts elaborately trimmed. Just 105 of them.

\$6.98 to \$8.98 Petticoats
\$5.45

¶ All-silk Jersey and taffeta—also with jersey tops and taffeta fronts. Solid colors and changeable effects.

Coats

\$25 to \$30 Values,
\$16.95

¶ Belted and loose back models, trimmed with fur or plush—also some plain tailored. Made of cheviot, wool velour, polo cloth and silvertone, in the popular colors.



After-Xmas Sale of Suits and Overcoats

Choice of 4000 Garments, Regularly Priced \$45.00, \$50.00 and \$55.00, for

¶ Here is an event that is worth traveling miles to share in. It is a sale that will mean much to the economically inclined man. It will mean a splendid opportunity to the man who has just been favored with a salary bonus or a Christmas gift of money, and it will mean a great deal to any man or young man who needs or expects to need a warm Overcoat or a good Suit of clothes, at a price that is within the reach of most every pocket book.

Involved in this event are Suits and Overcoats that are worth today even more than their original prices, due to market conditions. Suits and Overcoats that bear the names of some of America's most noted clothes manufacturers. Suits and Overcoats that for style, quality of materials and workmanship rank second to none.

2000 Suits

Splendidly tailored of fancy fabrics of all kinds, as well as plain blue and black worsteds and plain green, blue and brown flannels. Styles for men and young men, including single and double breasted models, with or without belts, as well as conservative styles. Many are silk lined.

2000 Overcoats

Handsomely styled Coats, made of all the new fabrics. Included are ulsters, ulsterettes, belted and half belted Coats, single and double breasted form-fitting Coats and conservative Chesterfield models. Substantially made with satin lining and sleeves.

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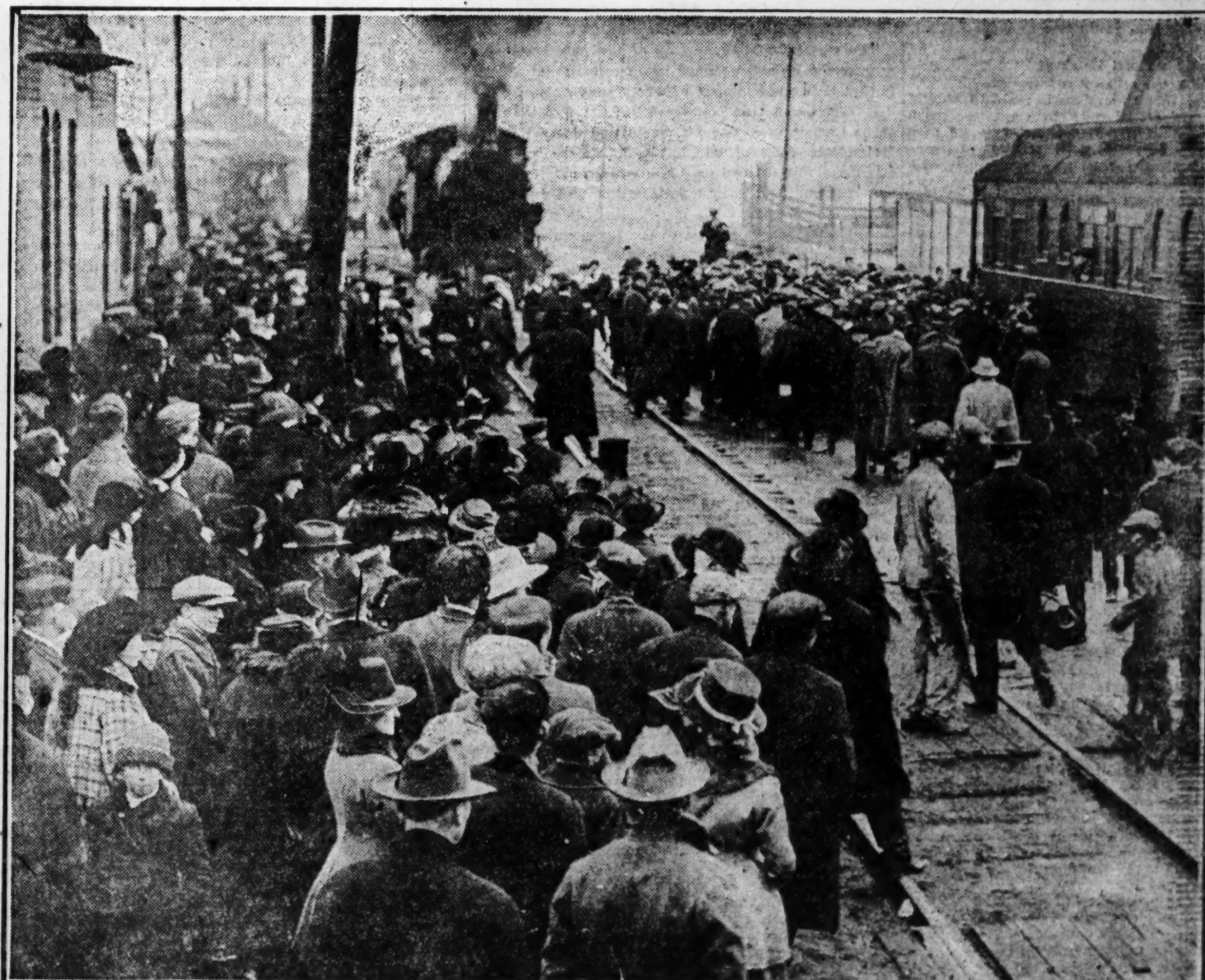
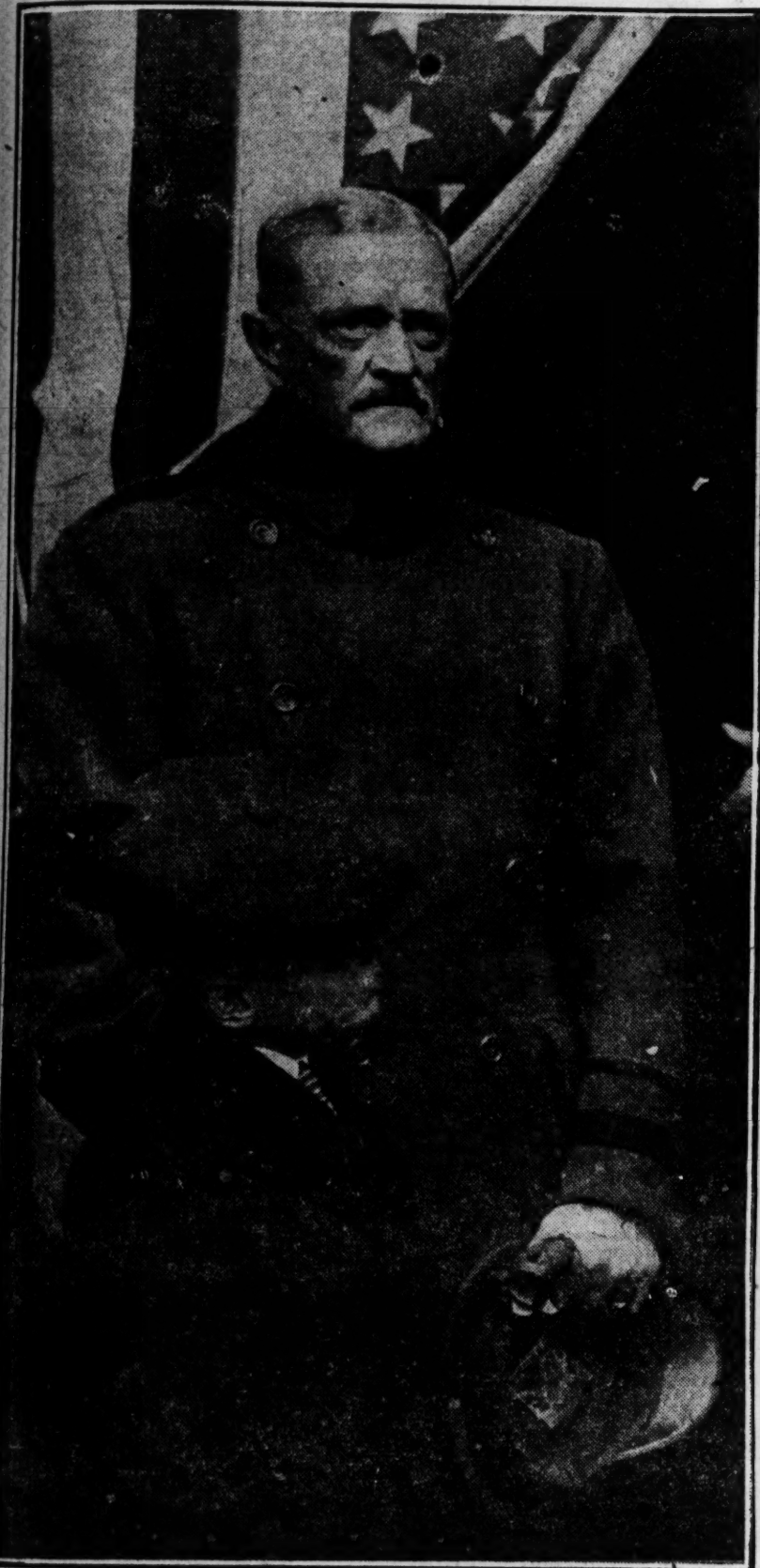
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THE HOME-COMING OF GEN. PERSHING AT LACLEDE, MO.



Upper left, Gen. Pershing and his son Warren listening to presentation address by Gov. Gardner.
Lower left, the Pershing home, with townsmen outside waiting for an opportunity to enter.

Upper right, Gen. Pershing, after leaving train, wending his way through crowd in the main street to go to his old home.
Lower right, the arrival of Gen. Pershing's train at Laclede.

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I know that my retirement will make no difference in its cardinal principles, that it will always fight for progress and reform, never tolerate injustice or corruption, always fight for the rights of all parties, never belong to any party, always oppose privileged classes and public plunderers, never lack sympathy with the poor, always remain devoted to the public welfare, never be satisfied with merely printing news, always be drastically independent; never be afraid to attack wrong, whether by predatory plutocracy or predatory poverty.

JOSEPH PULITZER.
April 10, 1907.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

Bonuses to Bank Employees.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
In view of the approaching holidays, I have noticed in the daily papers of the allowing of bonuses ranging from 2 to 10 per cent by the financial institutions, which surely is not in keeping with the times, as the cost of living has gone up more than double within the last two years, while salaries in the banking line have made but slight increases in comparison. Directors and stockholders will receive extra dividends besides in almost all the institutions large sums will be placed in surplus, thereby increasing the value of all stock. Consequently, I believe it wise that bonuses or salaries should be immediately raised to some-what equal that which is allowed union labor; otherwise the employees should organize to protect themselves as to hours of work and salary, for it is a known fact that the clerks of many institutions put in many hours of night work for which little compensation is allowed.

EX-BANK EXAMINER.

Loans for Ex-Servicemen.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
There has been a great deal said concerning the granting of an additional bonus in some form or another to returned service men. The one most popular plan is a cash bonus, but this, in my opinion, is far too expensive and would do no lasting good.

Another plan is the one proposed by Secretary Lane for land grants. This does not seem very good to me because only those with some experience could take advantage of it, and to start a farm properly would require quite a little capital, which most of us lack.

The Morgan bill, now pending before Congress, is, seemingly, the one that would do the most general good. It provides for the formation of a separate corporation, financed by the Government, which would loan \$4000 at 3 1/2 per cent interest to each ex-serviceman, to be repaid within 60 years, for the purchase of either a farm, for those men whose homes are in the country, or to buy a home for those men whose homes are in the cities.

While 60 years may be somewhat too long to take to repay the principal, this could easily be remedied. It could even be reduced to 20 years and leave the payments comparatively easy to make. The most appealing part of the bill is its economy; it would cost the Government a great deal less than either of the other two plans. It is also more fair than the Lane bill, in that it would give far more men the opportunity to take advantage of it.

Just at the present moment it may appear to the great majority of men that a cash bonus would be the best, but I am sure that in the years to come they would appreciate owning a farm or a home of their own, rather than a few dollars foolishly spent at this time.

M. J. W.

Good Work at Fire.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
We, the undersigned, wish to extend our sincere thanks to Capt. Bernard Marshall of the Jefferson Barracks Fire Department; also to Chief Richard Brennan, Assistant Chief Michael Cloney, and members of the department, for the splendid work done in extinguishing the fire which broke out on our grounds the evening of Dec. 9. Assistant Chief Cloney and his able corps remained until all danger to surrounding buildings had passed.

We wish also to thank our neighbors for their kindly assistance.

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH,
NAZARETH RETREAT.
Jefferson Barracks, Mo., R. No. 10.

The Sprinkling Tax.

To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch.
It appears from an article in the Post-Dispatch of Dec. 11 that the City of St. Louis has, for the last 22 years, been standing in with the sprinkling contractors in collecting an illegal tax and that property owners have in that time been robbed of nearly \$5,000,000. The plea that unless this illegal tax is collected there would be no sprinkling is a superfluous, as the contractors have not, for several years, to my certain knowledge, performed the work in accordance with their contracts. Taking the past summer as a sample, I think I am safe in saying that a sprinkling cart did not sprinkle in front of my residence more than half a dozen times during the entire season, and then it was done by a motor cart which traveled at the rate of 20 miles an hour, and dropped about two or three buckets of water in 60 feet of frontage. As much water could have been scattered with a garden hose in three minutes.

This action of the contractors, backed up by the city authorities, constitutes both petty and grand larceny, in the fact that it filches small amounts from the pockets of each property owner, in the aggregate amounts to a large sum.

Property owners should all decline to pay this illegal tax and thus put it up to the city and contractors to take action if they dare.

So far as clouding title to property is concerned, if the Courts perform the duties for which they are constituted, the protection of the rights of citizens, the matter should be very promptly settled.

E. L. WOODWARD.

CHRISTMAS IN ST. LOUIS.

In the Christmas prelude this year one solemn note has been absent. The voice of that austere sponsored Society for the Prevention of Useless Gifts, which an irreverent press abbreviated into Spugs, has not been heard. How effective its injunctions were in the past we do not know. But the mood of the people this year was not receptive to counsels of practicality. This year the people have swept into a Christmas from which the shadow that had palled mankind for four dreadful years has been lifted. The vacant chairs of a year ago are glowingly occupied this year, save where the absentees have left the proud legacy of a Gold Star, and there has been a fervor and zest in the Christmas preparations as if the people were making up for lost time.

Probably there has been a lot of reckless spending, according to the statistics. But who cares a fig for statistics in this joyous hour? This recklessness should make the doubters believe. It should make the doleful cheer up. The world has found its old true self again. Paradise has been regained. This spirit of exuberant giving that leaves "Prudence bawling in the mart," with none to listen—what is it? Its inspiration is found in the renewal of family ties, in loyalty of friendships, the whole illuminated by the lights of home. A people possessed of such a spirit, we may be sure, is sound at the core. The character revealed at Christmastide proclaims them a people equal to their future, capable of meeting their problems and solving them.

And the spirit of Christmas is not confined to individual orbits. It surcharges splendid organized efforts. What we could not gracefully say about ourselves others have said about us. That is that St. Louis observes Christmas with a quality of spirit not quite discernible in other large cities. Be that as it may, we have reason for pride in the many sincere expressions of good will to men in St. Louis. The municipal Christmas tree on Twelfth street, for happy example, with its attendant exercises, the universality of the sentiments it evokes, is a fine revelation of this city's soul. It has been the privilege of the Post-Dispatch to assist in establishing a feature of the Christmas observance through which merriment has been brought into dull young lives and substantial cheer into gray places. And the revival here of that quaint, old custom of the carol singers wherever the lighted candle appears has beautified our Christmas eve and enriched the lives of children by recasting their destiny in sweeter lines.

Such is Christmas in St. Louis, a day when the prosaic disappears, a true poem, lyric in the kindness of its heart, epic in the bigness of its generosity and in the promise of our national future.

BOOTLEGGEES AND PROFITTEERS.

Vigorous prosecution of violators of the war-time prohibition act is promised by United States District Attorney Hensley. He intends sending such persons to jail. The jail sentence, he is quoted as saying, is "the shortest cut to final results." In many instances, he says, a fine would fail as a deterrent. Most men, he believes, would hesitate about taking a chance on going to prison. A few such examples and violations of this law will practically disappear.

The District Attorney's reasoning may be correct. In any event he is to be commended for his determination to enforce this law. But the enforcement of other laws is entrusted to this officer. The anti-profiteering laws, for example, whose enforcement, it is submitted, is as important as is that of the prohibition act.

Flagrant violations of the anti-profiteering laws are said to have occurred during the recent coal strike. An oil company, it is alleged, charged illegal and excessive prices for fuel oil. A similar complaint is made against coal dealers.

Admirable as is the District Attorney's zeal in behalf of the prohibition law, the same zeal in behalf of the anti-profiteering laws would be equally admirable. Indeed, the public, we imagine, would get as much pleasure in looking at a few profiteers in jail as it would in gazing at a few bootleggers behind the bars. And in addition to being quite as pleasant, the former spectacle might be more profitable to the public.

THREE LEGISLATORS FOR IRELAND

The worst that can be said of the new home-rule scheme for Ireland outlined by Premier Lloyd George is that it is cumbersome, expensive and belated.

It creates in this country of 32,000 square miles three Legislatures, one for North and one for South Ireland, to each of which are entrusted important functions, and a third to which certain minor powers are reserved and whose jurisdiction will cover the whole island. The plan is described as an adaptation of the Federal system to the Government of Ireland, whereas Ireland as a whole, with much less area than Ohio and only a little more population is just about of a convenient size to become one unit in a really comprehensive Federal system.

The best that can be said for the plan is that it recognizes the principle of Irish control of Irish affairs and gives practical effect to the principle by vesting the Westminster Parliament of a very large part of its present authority in the island.

The denunciations of the plan in Dublin and elsewhere bring out in lamentable light the delinquency of slow-moving British statesmanship in always being just a little behind the evolution of the home-rule idea in the minds of the Irish themselves. As good a

EDITORIAL SPARKS.

And all effort is now directed to demonstrating that the "dry" amendment to the United States Constitution cannot hold water.—Daily Oklahoman.

Furthermore, if we ever go to the Legislature we shall introduce a bill that requires all daily newspapers to suspend on holidays.—Galveston News.

Caruso is the father of a baby daughter. He will be admitting presently how little he really knew, after all, about high notes.—Detroit News.

Statisticians report that there has never been such a demand for luxuries as now. This is, perhaps, to be explained on the ground that everything is a luxury nowadays.—Baltimore American.

"Say, did you notice how cross-eyed Bob's girl was?" "Notice it! Why, say, little girl, when I sat next to her at dinner she was so cross-eyed she ate off my plate."—Lehigh Burr.

A little girl explained God's omnipresence by saying that He was everywhere without going there. A small boy, reflecting on the misdeeds of Satan, remarked, "I don't see how he ever got to be so bad when he had no devil to put him up to it."—Boston Transcript.

plan would have had almost universal commendation by the Irish, not only in Gladstone's time, but in any year down to the opening of the great war.

Its important feature is that it provides a Legislature for the entire country, even though one of restricted powers, and the two local Legislatures provide a large measure of independence for the two antagonistic sections. The combined powers of local and insular Legislatures give a very substantial measure of self-government, a greater measure than that enjoyed by the American states.

Many details of the plan which would have caused rejoicing five or six years ago will now be savagely criticized, but despite British clumsiness in dealing with Irish opinion and Irish sensibilities and the inevitable failure to seize the psychological moment for effecting solutions, extremists should hesitate before they reject the plan. It at least makes a beginning. Even those who aim at complete independence can see it will be vastly better than the present Government and will even promote their ultimate objective. If they reject it, what will be their next move?

UNRECOGNIZED MERIT IN THE NAVY.

The dividing line between Secretary Daniels and Admiral Sims, which has caused the latter to decline a Distinguished Service Medal and which has resulted in a sharp conflict of views over the system of distributing war honors in the navy, is this: The Secretary insists on a decided preference for persons to whom fortunate assignments gave the opportunity for distinction in posts of danger in the war zone.

Admiral Sims insists that quality of service shall be recognized wherever rendered and protests vigorously against the discrimination against those compelled to do shore duty. He does not ask that any honor awarded under the Daniels principle shall be withheld, but he does insist that honors shall be given to other men who either have not been recognized at all or have been inadequately recognized under the Daniels plan.

And Admiral Sims is right. The entire functioning of the navy depends on the capacity with which men detailed for shore duty perform their exacting duties. Without them, the navy cannot be fed, munitioned, manned or fought. A strategic plan developed ashore might do more for the destruction of the enemy than a thousand acts of individual heroism at sea, commendable as is such heroism. How are men to be reconciled to unpopular but vitally necessary shore duty, if the highest merit there is to be ignored or rewarded only with a grudging hand?

Surely there is honor enough to go around. The dispute is unfortunate. Awards for valuable service never seem to cause distress and dissatisfaction in the army, but the navy seems to be peculiarly susceptible to heartburnings. The naval wrangling after the Spanish War should not be repeated. Mr. Daniels' view is too narrow and invites protest. Men are not responsible for their detail either to hazardous or nonhazardous service. Wherever stationed they are entitled to have their distinctive contributions to the winning of the war singled out for the commendation a grateful people are only too glad to accord.

Is Berger to be the B. that made Milwaukee famous?

A MEMORABLE SCIENTIFIC VICTORY.

The triumphs of science are seldom as complete as that over yellow fever. Discovery was first made that it was spread by one variety of mosquito and the disease was combated by preventive measures. By shielding the victims of the disease, insects were prevented from carrying its virus to the well and by shielding also the well mosquitoes infected by unguarded cases of the disease were rendered harmless. By these measures alone the scourge was driven from all but a few sections of the tropics and just as Dr. Gorgas was announcing that the flank attacks would destroy the enemy within a short period, a frontal attack by a Rockefeller Institute scientist gains an immediate and brilliant victory.

This scientist, by the way, a Japanese, has isolated the micro-organism that causes yellow fever and has devised a serum which is said to be an infallible remedy for those stricken with the disease. Surrounded and closely invested on every side, this enemy of mankind must disappear from the earth most speedily.

If the organism inducing yellow fever is, after long effort, discovered, who shall despair of discovering the obscure causation of other scourges before which science has long stood baffled? If a remedy neutralizing this disease poison has been made available, how much longer will the tubercular and cancer poisons have scope to afflict?

Yellow fever's unconditional surrender to the efforts of intelligence gives the liveliest hope that we are on the eve of as complete a conquest of other maladies that have been a terror to humanity since before the beginning of recorded time.

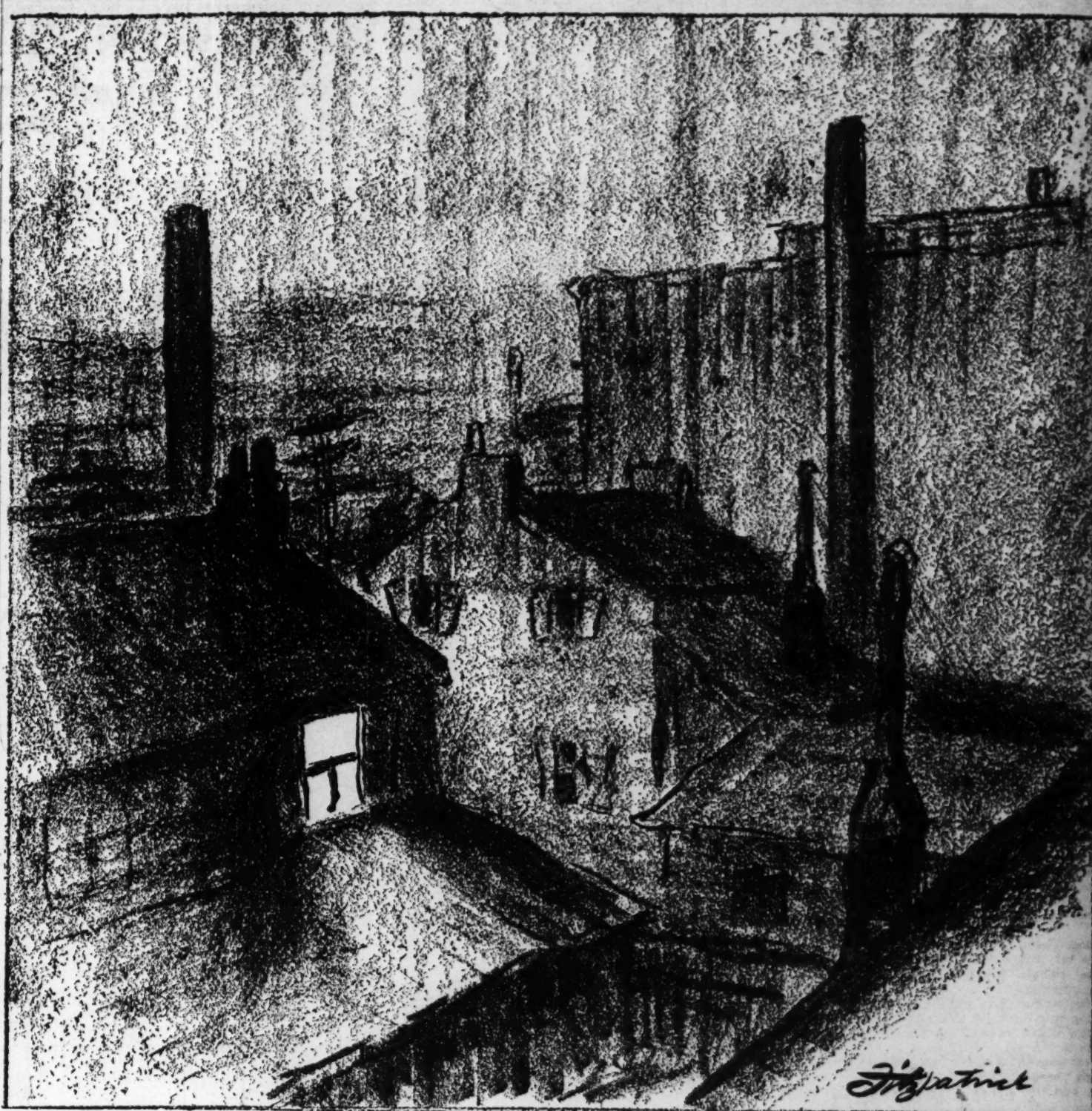
Those pre-war salaries simply show the foresight of our railroad presidents. They knew that post-war prices would be lofty and thriftily got ready for them.

The operators appear to have reconsidered their decision to prove that the coal mines can be operated without operators.

WHAT'S IN THE PACKAGE?



—Broadway in San Francisco Chronicle.



"UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE."

JUST A MINUTE

With the Wits, Poets and Philosophers.

PANETELA.

JUST A MINUTE'S
A reformer,
And the germ that
Laid him low
Could have been in
Better business.
Knocking out a
Thief or so.

There are thieves who
Creep upon us,
Like base reptiles
In the night;
And they profiteer
In foodstuffs
Until they are
Glutted quite.
Others profiteer
In fuel,
When the merc'ry
Drops below,
And in clothing
When the wild winds
Off the icebergs,
Shriek and blow.

But the worst of
All, my dearie,
Is the Bolshevik
Class,
Which would rob us
Of our birthright,
Seizing us as
Sneaking mass;
Which would wear us
From our country,
Leave us stranded,
High and dry;
Wondering what had
Happened to us—
If the price were
Not too high.

Just a Minute
Flays at these, dear,
Every minute
On the job;
And the pity
Is he loses
Even one steady
Heart-throb.
Exorcise these
Ghosts, Luella,
Put him on his
Feet again;
That his pen may
Thunder righteous
Wrath upon the
Thieving clan.

MAY MARCY BOWMAN.

VISIBLE AT LAST.

Strolling along the quays of New York harbor an Irishman came across the wooden barricade where immigrants suspected of suffering from contagious diseases are isolated.

"What's this boarding for?" he inquired of a bystander.

"Oh," was the reply, "that's to keep out fever and things like that, you know."

"Indeed," said Pat. "O've heard of the Board of Health, but be jagers, it's the first time O've seen it!"—The Bits.

RETROSPECT.

"Why so pensive?"

"I was thinking," said the man who sat before the dark fireplace, "thinking about the good old days when people had the nerve to organize 'Don't Worry' clubs."—Washington Star.

HIS TRADE.

"The man passing yonder knows how to put every one on such a easy footing."

"Has he such tact?"

"Not that, but he makes such good slipper."

—Baltimore American.

NO SPACE BUT LOTS OF ROOM.

PROOF of the truth of Einstein's theory that light proceeding from stars, is deflected in passing an object such as our sun—pulled out of a straight line and forced to describe a vast curve, appears also to be proof that space, as known to mathematics, has no existence.

The definition of space from the mathematical point of view, according to the Standard dictionary, is "continuous boundless extension, regarded as a sort of vacuum entity in which extended things may exist and move about."

This idea of space as an empty vacuum was, of course, formulated before the theory that space was filled with the ether arose. A space filled with anything cannot be a "vacuous entity" or empty vacuum. The ether that fills space, according to modern scientists, is both infinitely rigid and infinitely elastic—these contradictory qualities being necessary in order to explain the facts of astronomy.

And the theory was that light was carried through space on waves of this elastic, rigid ether. Hence, the ether itself was bent. One of motion of the ether. And, as long as it was believed that the rays of light, or waves of ether on which they traveled, proceeded in straight lines that could not be and were not bent, the rigidity of the ether could not be disproved.

But now it has been proved by the photographs of the stars during the recent total eclipse that Einstein is right. The photographs showed that the rays were bent by passing near the sun. Hence, the ether itself was bent. One can picture to himself the light from countless stars, passing the sun on all sides, on its way to us, forming a sort of globe of star light, in the center of which the sun revolves, itself sending out its own tremendous flood of light.

The experiments have proved that ether is no imaginative quality, invented by scientists to make their theories work. It can be bent. Therefore it is real. And as it fills all space, there is no empty vacuum, and hence no space as understood by the mathematicians.

However, there is still plenty of room. For whether we or the rays of light or ether proceed in straight lines, or curves, motion is possible, and space, as the layman knows it, is good enough space for all practical purposes.

And the splendid facts of astronomy are made doubly interesting by this discovery. The march of the planets around their suns, we have always known, was in curves. But the countless suns themselves, with their infinite hosts of satellites, have been supposed to be proceeding—a majestic, mighty stream—around some infinitely distant center. That was theory. The new law that curvature is the rule seems to prove it. And what and where is that center? Must it not be the center of the creation, in which the Omnipotent Omnipresent and All-Wise has His throne?—H. M. WILLIAMS.

THE HEDGE ROWS.

WHERE the hedge rows run, the wind is blowing
And the leaves shift in the air;
Green and red and russet glowing.
They make a golden stair.
They whirl and gleam as the sun is shining,
And the earth is gay with light.
Heiter and skelter they go a-climbing
And race away to the night.

The hedge rows stand as the moon comes gleaming
All flecked and gay and bright;
Wonderful colors from their light gleaming.
The leaves caught in their flight.
From pointed peaks that hold their beauty
They beacon and beg of me—
Oh, little leaves of a wonderful color,
I wish I could set you free!

MINA WAMPLER.

MISSOURI RIVER'S CENTENARY.

From the Christian Science Monitor.
THE year just drawing to a close is the 100th that has passed since the first steamboat, crude and somewhat cumbersome affairs, essayed to navigate the Missouri River. The centennial was appropriately observed in Kansas City, Mo., the celebration having been arranged by the Missouri Valley Historical Society. In the midst of the ceremonies, and as though to emphasize the contrast between the three-mile-an-hour speed of the pioneer craft and the ability to travel somewhat more rapidly today, a Government hydroplane wended its easy flight up the Missouri river, and the era of a new progress which its arrival at the mouth of the Kaw River may presage, will, a hundred years hence, be regarded as being as important, as epochal, as those who have watched the development of the great Missouri Valley now regard the first coming of the steamboats.

It is interesting to note that the record of events dealing with the arrival and passing of the steamboat flotilla in 1819 reveals the fact that the boats did not even stop at what is now the site of Kansas City, simply, perhaps, because there was nothing more distinctive or important about the place than that it was the spot where the sluggish Kaw emptied into the turbid Missouri. The valley of the Kaw meant little or nothing to the pioneer river men, and so they pushed on up the Missouri toward the Yellowstone, to establish trading posts and forts, and to overcome, if possible, the members of the tribes of American Indians, then somewhat disturbed because of the increasing tendency of the white man to invade their territory. The history of the development of the great empire west of the Missouri River, still being written, is too familiar, to most Americans at least, to require more than a mere reference. The steamboats followed almost in the wake of Lewis and Clark and their intrepid band of pathfinders, the first really to penetrate into the unsurveyed and uncharted territory ceded by France through the Louisiana Purchase. Lewis and Clark plunged almost into the wilderness after leaving St. Louis. The arrival of the steamboats at the mouth of the Kaw marked that spot as the newer outpost.

Between Kansas City, the starting point of the wagon trains which carried the rich freight across the plains and desert, and Santa Fe, N. M., the southwestern terminus, there are still many spots which are not greatly changed since the days of the caravans. Even from the windows of a Pullman car one may see many sights reminiscent of a period supposed to have been long passed.

THE LAND OF THE FREE.

From the New Republic.
THE amazing proposal is made that the power to order a deportation should be conferred, not on the Bureau of Immigration, where it now rests, nor on the courts, where it rightly belongs, but on the Department of Justice. Apparently it is believed that a department which is accustomed to the role of prosecutor will have fewer conscientious and constitutional scruples when it undertakes the role of judge. Yet it is impossible to believe that the average American, brought up to believe that in this country if nowhere else opinions are free, accustomed to the spirit of fair play in judicial procedure, and with an ingrained detestation of Tzarist administrative methods, will in the long run tolerate such governmental outrages.

If we do not repent and expiate the anarchist deportations and seditious prosecutions of 1919, as we repented and expiated the prosecutions under the alien and seditious laws of 1798, our national worship of liberty and due process of law will indeed have a hollow sound.

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Interfering 'Twixt Husband and Wife

By Sophie Irene Loeb.

In the Finances of the Home the Heart Interest Can
Always Solve the Greatest Problems.

MAN writes to me as follows:
"I will put my question in a very blunt way. Suppose I have a husband making, say, \$100 a week and had a wife who absolutely nothing about household economy, management, planning beforehand and just spending, how would you manage as regards her allowance and expenses?"

"I have been trying to make her live up to a budget or some other thoughtful plan of wise apportionment of income, but to no avail, and as a result have been haled to court several times and finally separated. I would like to know your advice as a man who would not care to be separated for the sake of the child and has to put up with such a wife as a mate for the rest of his natural life."

"What arrangement as to financial matters between them should be adopted so that the husband may feel that at least he has done his best in this particular case? Do you think that \$27 a week is not enough for a family of wife, baby and two children?"

"Mind you, the husband is trying to advance himself and will sooner or later get raised to \$30, or even \$35 a week. Kindly show us, if you can, how expenses should be handled and how the husband can do his duty in such a case, at the same time that he is taking care of himself, his wife and wants and not to give all to his wife so as to be left with a few cents, sans means, sans other absolute necessities."

"I am no smoker, no drinker, etc., and am really thrifty, but like, above all, a quiet home and living within my income and adapting myself to it."

But I have seen instances of where there was even considerable less than this, but where love was paramount the difficulty was lessened.

Insufficient income, despite all our beautiful ideals, has caused more inharmonious and more quarrelsome than would like to admit. It has sapped the strength of women and when the husband on his part has not been extremely forbearing, even love was sapped.

The cynic and the thoroughly happy person as well will say in answer to this, "Oh, well, she could not have loved him or the money would not have mattered."

But little do they know of the test that has been put upon the person in the struggle for existence. Love in a cottage is all very beautiful in a story, but in real life the wolf at the door often muffles the cry of Cupid and at times puts him out of business altogether.

I know many couples, however, who have stood by each other through thick and thin—mostly thin—because along with love there was a great sense of appreciation of the efforts made by both to make the reluctant ends to meet.

Devotion is the answer.

Such people bear and forbear. It is only because of this sense of appreciation that a union under such adverse circumstances holds even until the end.

Now, why hasn't it held in this particular case mentioned?

On the face of the facts as presented, I would say that somewhere, some place along the line they have failed to create in each other that feeling of respect and reverence and devotion which never loses out.

Such matters are not mere arithmetic problems. When there is such a small amount of clear cut division is difficult, if not impossible.

In the matter of home making figures won't factor when the love equation is a questionable quantity. It is a matter of piling up the heart interest by both rather than a division of the money.

How this can be done the individual knows best in each case.

Both Sides of the Question.
It is very difficult to discuss such a case without hearing both sides of the question.

If the woman has gone so far as to bring this husband to court there certainly must be lack of harmony in this family.

Twenty-seven dollars is little enough these days for a family of three, and the struggle is not easy.

The Clue in the Air

A Detective Story by Isabel Ostrander.

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CHAPTER II (Continued).

"HIS she got an ace in the hole, you're thinking," McCarty's tone was semi-nominal. "No, I guess her story straight enough—maybe."

The smaller apartment beside that of Mrs. Doremus was closed, and he gave it merely a cursory inspection, as her account, if true, narrowed the investigation to the floors above.

"Who lives here?" asked the inspector, as they halted before the apartment on the next floor.

"Mr. and Mrs. Grafton Foxe, sir," the hall-boy replied. "Real lively folks, they is—seems like they's in some kind of theater business."

"Well, they don't appear to be at home," McCarty remarked, as he repeated the pressure of the bell failed to bring a response.

"Lordy, I done forgot!" the hall-boy's eyes rolled apologetically. "They went out 'bout eight o'clock, the young lady, she left after we all come."

"What young lady?"

"Miss Collins, sir. She's been—'tillin' here for a 'nearly a month."

"What do you mean about her having after I came?" demanded the inspector sharply. "I gave orders that no tenants were to leave the premises!"

"Oh, it was before you got hyar, I mean this gen'l'man," he replied to McCarty. "It was after the young lady that daid lady in."

"How long after?"

"I don't know. I was too scared to reckon the time. But it couldn't been more than a few minutes, for the ambulance hadn't come."

"Did you bring her down in the elevator?"

"Me, boss? No, sir, I wasn't fit to run no elevator then. She come down the stairs, and pushed through a crowd and out."

The inspector made a gesture of patience.

"Ouniff's a fool! You're sure she ain't come in yet?"

"She ain't coming back. She's gone home for good."

"One?"

The boy nodded.

"Her trunk went this morning, and Mr. Foxe called back from the elevator as they was going out to tell that they'd meet her at the door. She was carryin' her suitcase when she left."

"She should have been stopped, whether she knows anything about an affair or not!" declared the inspector hotly. "Well, we can't waste more time. Open the door."

The boy obeyed, and leaving him outside, Inspector Druet and McCarty entered. The hall was lighted, and the drawing-room at the left, but all the other rooms were in darkness.

Unvoluntarily they paused a moment, but no sound came to their ears, and they made their way down the hall, past a moth-eaten stag's head, a row of framed photographs, and a heterogeneous arrangement of other property.

The drawing-room was in startling contrast to the soft-toned one in the next apartment. Blatant reds and greys were riotously everywhere, and a general air of convivial untidiness prevailed. They passed through the doorway into the library or music

room beyond, and McCarty's hand found and pressed the switch in the wall.

There was a shabby leather couch and two bookcases on the opposite side of the room, a heaped-up writing table between the two open windows, several deep-cushioned chairs scattered about and an electric piano in the angle of the wall leading into the bedroom. Nowhere was there any sign of a struggle, or of disorder beyond what appeared to be the habitual condition of the apartment.

"That's where the music came from," the inspector nodded toward the piano. "The girl who left must have been playing. I wonder why she turned out the light in here and left it on in the drawing room and hall when she went out?"

McCarty did not reply. He had stooped and picked up something which lay on the floor before the open window and was examining it closely.

"What's that you've got there?" McCarty held it out, without remark. It was a paper knife with a curved handle and long steel blades. "Belongs on the desk, there," the inspector commented. "It matches the other bronze things. If the woman picked it up to defend herself, she must have dropped it in the struggle, providing that it was from this room she fell. Are there any marks on it?"

McCarty shook his head.

"Well, put it in your pocket, anyway. Now, come on."

The bedroom was in a far worse state of disorder than the other two. Old garments were trailing about from chairs and half-opened drawers, wads of tissue paper were here and there, and the dresser was littered with empty cosmetic jars and scent bottles. On the bed was a long, pasteboard florist's box, the carelessly displaced lid revealing a sheaf of deep red roses still fresh and fragrant. A torn envelope lay beside the box, with a card protruding from it.

The inspector pulled it out.

"I love you," he read. "Until I come. Jack. Well, here's something! She went off in such a hurry that she forgot her roses. And from a sweetheart, too!"

"She must expect to meet him, wherever she has gone," McCarty observed. "At least he means to follow her."

"I'll have a talk with him first," asserted the inspector. "That knife on the floor, roses forgotten, one light turned off and two left on—it begins to look as if there had been something doing here. What do you think, Mac?"

"Me? Oh, I'm just trailing along, Inspector. I've no call to be forming opinions, worse luck. You're forgetting, sir, that I'm an outsider now, and no longer on the force, and sure, I'm like to forget it myself, for this does seem like old times and no mistake!" McCarty was at the opened window now, staring out. "This must be the airshaft in that diagram you've got."

"Yes, let's try the next apartment after we give a good look through the other rooms to be sure no one's hiding out. There is nothing else here."

To Be Continued Friday.

CONGRATULATING A RIVAL.



"What a gorgeous new car, dear! Too bad the color makes you look so sallow."

American School Boys and Girls Will Exchange Weekly Letters and Information With French

Exchange of Historical, Geographical, Home-Life, Commercial and Manufactural Material Planned—Also Kodak Views and Clippings.

WITH the approval of the Department of State and the United States Bureau of Education, and the co-operation of the French Ministry of Education, there will be operated in the United States, beginning with the school year, a National Bureau of French-American Education Correspondence, to be located at George Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn. The new bureau will promote correspondence between hundreds of thousands of pupils in France who are studying English and the pupils in America who are studying French.

The bureau will obtain from each teacher of French in the United States the list of pupils recommended for correspondence. Similar lists will be obtained from the teachers of English in France. For each pupil there will be given personal data as to age, sex, preparation and main interests, so that the bureau may select the best suited correspondents for each individual pupil.

Boys will correspond with boys, and girls with girls. From the bureau, teachers in America will receive a list of carefully selected French correspondents, so distributed in all the representative French and Belgian centers and the war area that there will be the maximum benefit for the class as a whole. For French and Belgian classes, there will be a similar representation of American centers.

The plan is that the French and American correspondents exchange weekly educational letters, each writing first in his own language and later in the language of his foreign correspondent. Linguistic training will not be the only educational end served. Along with the letters, there will be a fine exchange of historical, artistic, geographical, commercial and home-life material and information, clippings, picture postals, kodak views, etc., leading up to the deepest exchanges of human sympathies and ideals, that will reinforce international good will.

All the correspondence coming to the members of a given class will be kept on a bulletin board for the benefit of teacher and class. At general exercises in the schools, the foreign language classes may present the most interesting phases of the correspondence to the entire school.

George Peabody College for teachers, Nashville, Tenn., will furnish the housing and general administration. It is planned, if funds permit, to establish within a few months, also, a Spanish-American bureau for all schools where Spanish is taught. Through the co-operation of the French Ministry of Education all the

schools, lycees, colleges and universities of France are responding to the movement, so that many lists of French correspondents are already being received. Any institutions in America where French is taught or where there are students who can read French, as well as all private classes, clubs, or study circles, will be served by the bureau. Literature and enrollment blanks will be sent throughout the country. Any institutions or classes not otherwise reached may write to the bureau.

Queen Mary of England is not superstitious, but always carries a mascot with her no matter where she goes. The mascot is a tiny ivory dog that was given her on her sixth birthday.

Activities of Women.

Latest census figures show that there are in the Panama Canal zone 4814 women.

The Japanese Diet is considering a bill to extend the right to vote to women in that country.

Women in Pernambuco, Brazil, are facing a corset famine owing to the demand for the French type of corset.

Women of St. Paul, Minn., have organized a movement to place every family in that city on a budget system to encourage thrift.

A fire escape for frightened and dazed victims has been invented by a woman. The new device consists of a seat and footboard fastened together by ropes like a swing.

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Occupational Survey For Women Planned

Y. W. C. A. Starts Investigation of Opportunities for Trained Employment and Publicity Workers.

THE Young Women's Christian Association is conducting a survey of New York City and vicinity to investigate opportunities for women trained in employment and personnel work, in publicity work, and in work requiring linguistic ability.

During the war a great many women developed capabilities never before suspected by themselves. Having become expert during their period of war service, they are now able to fill similar positions in civil life, and the Y. W. C. A. Employment Service has received many applications from them for work along these lines.

The first survey to be completed was that in department stores, to investigate the opportunities for educational directors, employment managers, and so forth, and also for buyers. Another similar investigation is under way in all the factories employing 200 or more women in Greater New York and vicinity, including the big factory belt in New Jersey. This investigation is discovering some very interesting opportunities not only in employment and personnel work, but also as production managers and forewomen. The number of trained women employed in New York in such positions is very small as compared with those in some other parts of the country.

The survey of possibilities in advertising and publicity work will begin shortly. Many young college women are very anxious to get into this field, and women of some business experience are showing more interest in it all the time.

Opportunities for women who can speak, read and write languages other than English were numerous during the war. The Y. W. C. A. survey will visit import and export houses, shipping firms, banks and

THE SANDMAN STORY FOR TONIGHT

By MRS. F. A. WALKER.
The 'Snow Man Guide.

CHARLES and Henry were very much afraid when Christmas came that Santa Claus would not find the chimney on their house. It had been changed since the Christmas before and the old one had been torn down.

"He will be in such a hurry because he has so many places to go," said Charles, "that I am sure he will never think of looking at the back of the house when he has always found it on the side."

"I think we better stay up all night," suggested Henry. "We could sit in our window and watch for him, and just call out when we see him and tell him where the new chimney is, and then we could run and jump into bed before he comes down."

"I am afraid if he finds us up he will not stop at all," said Charles. "You know he never pays a bit of attention to houses where the children do not go to bed early."

"Well, what can we do, then?" asked Henry. "I don't want Santa Claus to carry my skates to another house and your doubler, too. We want him to leave that, for what good is a nice hill without a big sled?"

"I wonder if we could get John to sit up and watch for us?" said Charles. "He seems to be well acquainted with Santa Claus. He knows a lot about his ways."

"Let us ask him," said Henry, and away ran the little boys to the barn to ask John if he would sit up and watch for Santa and tell him the chimney had been moved.

"I would be glad to do it for you," said John, "but Santa is a mighty

so forth, to see where such women may find employment now. A survey of women for whom the bureau cannot find positions on account of their age, personality or home responsibilities, information about all the exchanges and shops in Manhattan where articles made at home may be sold has been collected and placed on file in the Central Branch of the Y. W. C. A. Many women

can sew, knit or cook in their own homes and sell their products through these shops. A survey of all noncommercial employment agencies, as well as of some which charge fees, will also be made, so that the Y. W. C. A. bureau may avoid duplication, and may know to what agencies to recommend people who desire work not available through them.

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MORE TRUTH THAN POETRY

By James J. Montague.

THE CHRISTMAS BURGLAR.

I hear the rustling in the hall,
The creaking of a chair;
A shadow steals along the wall,
A step is on the stair;
A muffled tread thuds to and fro
While, shrinking in the gloom,
I watch and wait, for well I know
A burglar's in the room.

A burglar! Just when Santa Claus
Has scampered away the hue
And madly dashed away, because
There's much more work to do!
A burglar, with an eager face
And wide and shining eyes
Just as the sun comes up to chase
The darkness from the skies!

But what a reckless burglar this—
A burglar without fear,
Whose rapturous little shrieks of bliss
The household wakes to hear!
Who tumbles bundles all around
And searches stockings through
And cries aloud that he has found
That Santa Claus is true!

He had his doubts but yesterday
His faith began to fail,
He feared the reindeer and the sleigh
Were but a fairy tale;
For someone said—but they were wrong,
The prayed-for toys are here,
The faith that he has held so long,
Still shines, serene and clear.



HE'S EARNED A REST.
After all, poor old John Barleycorn must be dreadfully tired of supplying appreciative audiences for after-dinner speakers.

NO RELIEF IN SIGHT.
At present prices, bootlegs will cost just as much as mahogany bars used to.

Something Fine.

"Six lady candidates have cast their hats into the ring."
"What do the lady voters say to that?"
"They are busy studying the display of millinery."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Tip.

If, however, for any reason you feel that the addition of pure cultures to your cider will be of aid, these can be furnished by the bacteriological laboratory at 25 cents for each culture of yeast or of vinegar bacteria.—Michigan Ag. Bulletin.

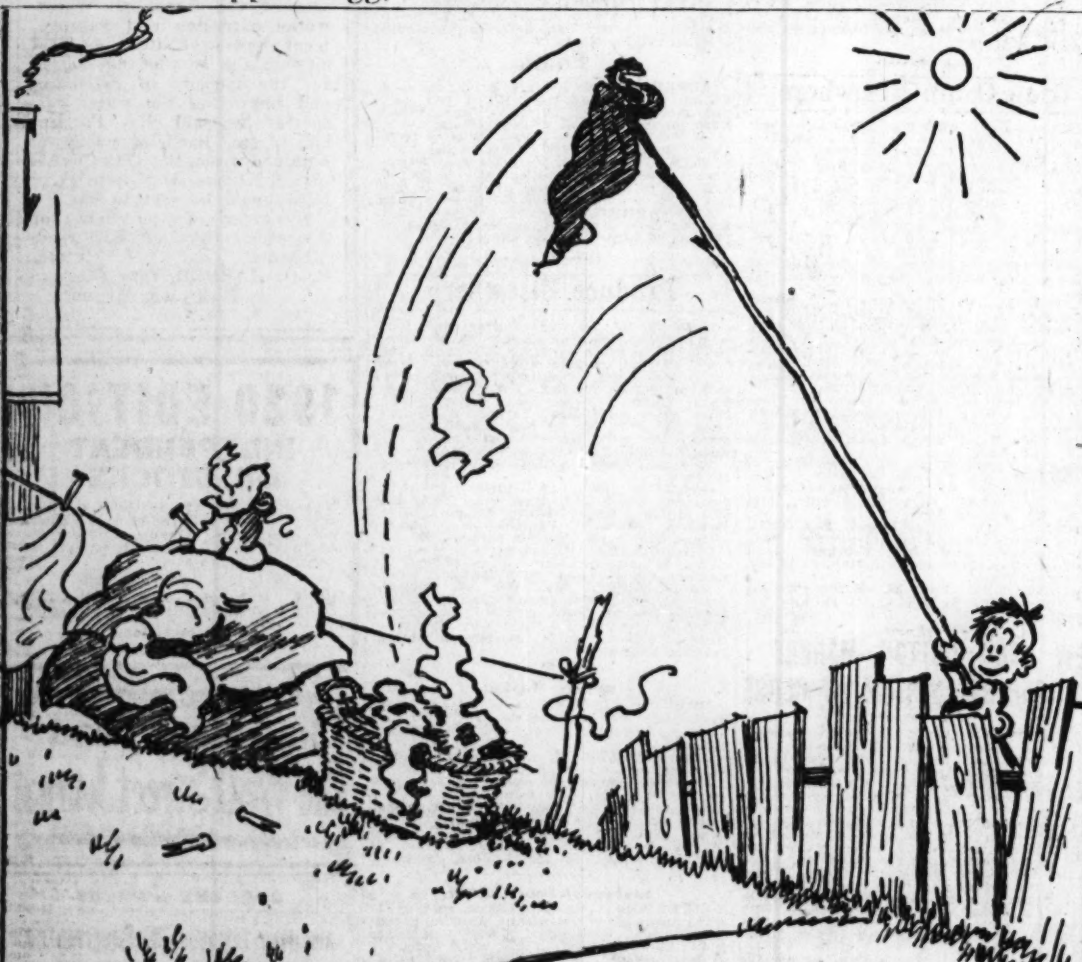
Prospective.

She: How did you dare tell papa that you have a prospect of \$50,000 a year?
He: Well, I have. If I marry you.—Boston Transcript.

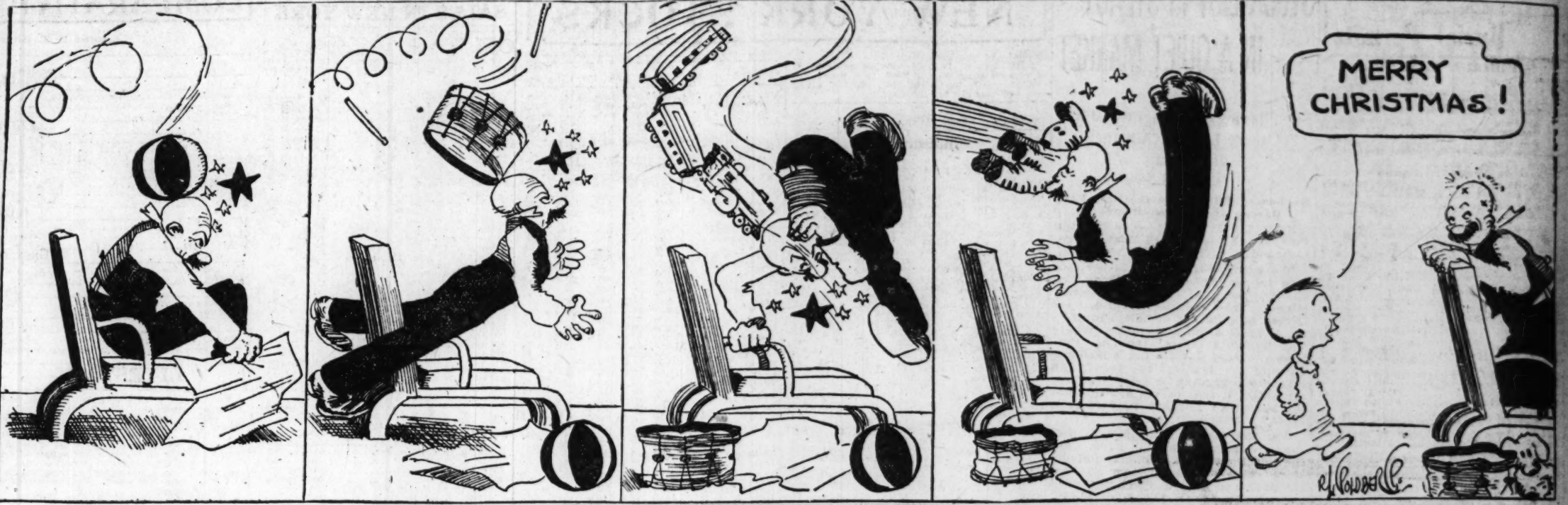
A Dash of Novelty.

"You seem to take a remarkable interest in prize fighting."
"Yes," replied Senator Borah; "it may be a trifle crude of me; but I can't help enjoying a little mix-up now and then that didn't start in an argument about the league of nations."—Washington Star.

Aunt Eppie Hogg, the Fattest Woman in Three Counties.



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Forming the Habit.

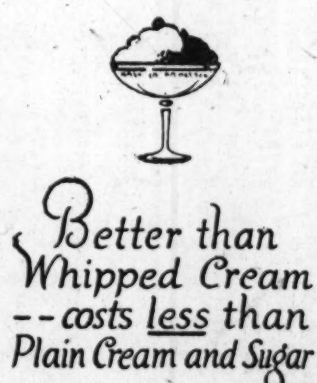
Mrs. Hemmingshaw—I can often tell when my husband has been by what he brings home.
Mrs. Shimmerpate—Souvenirs?
"No, he never takes any spoons or anything."
"Then what do you mean?"
"When he brought home a roach the other day I knew he had been at the shop."
"Uh huh?"
"And when he brought home a grasshopper in the cuff of his trousers I immediately deducted he had been in the park."
"You say he is getting into the habit of doing that?"
"Uh huh."
"Well, say, a circus is coming to town next week. Better keep him at home or he might bring you an elephant."—Youngstown Telegram.

Her Reason.

Mrs. Newbride: When you found that you couldn't accept the invitation to our wedding, why didn't you send your regrets?
Miss Ryval: Oh, I thought you'd have enough of your own pretty soon, dear.—Kansas City Star.

A Much-Worked Phrase.

"Of course, it will be a quiet wedding."
"Of course," rejoined Miss Cayenne. "By the way, I don't recall ever hearing of a loud and boisterous wedding."—Washington Star.



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